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Greetings*



From the Staff ...

Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Coffey
Assistant Superintendent



Looking back, this has been a very busy year for the Patrol. Our personnel responded to an unprecedented six major disasters in the state. One of those disasters claimed the life of fellow Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr.

This is the last *Patrol News* staff message of 2011. As such, it provides a good opportunity for us, as a staff, to say, "Thank you." We appreciate all of our coworkers, uniformed and civilian, for everything they do on a daily basis to provide the highest level of service possible to the citizens of Missouri. Your commitment to excellence and professionalism has been recognized repeatedly on state and national levels at a variety of award ceremonies.

The Patrol gained national recognition for its overall efforts in traffic safety and enforcement, for its efforts in DWI enforcement, and, more recently, for its efforts in validating sobriety tests for use while seated on a boat in the water. In an October ceremony at the Capitol, combined Patrol divisions received two of the four Governor's Awards for Quality and Productivity. The awards recognized two team projects for improving government efficiency and technology use. These are but a few of the latest examples of recognition that Patrol employees have received for their dedication and the quality of their work.

Significant events or accomplishments garner much of our attention, and we are sometimes remiss in our recognition of all the other efforts that occur daily in fulfillment of our mission. Over my career, I have had the opportunity to work with a number of very dedicated coworkers. Many of them never received the appropriate recognition or award for the services they provided on a regular basis. They simply performed their duties in the most competent and professional manner possible, whether it be in response to a major incident, or in conducting daily work at a desk.

The Patrol's reputation was formed over the years by those employees who exhibited our core values, even before we identified them as such in writing. I truly cannot imagine a better place to work, and it is due to the caliber of employees we have. It is indeed an honor for us to be able to represent you as a staff.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Coffey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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BNSF Presents \$3,000 Gift To Honor Tpr. Guthrie

By Troop H

On September 22, 2011, Special Agent Kevin E. Anderson, of the BNSF Railway Police, presented Captain Duane L. Robinson, commanding officer of Troop H, with a check in the amount of \$3,000. SA Anderson donated the check to the Highway Patrol's K-9 Unit in memory of Trooper Fredrick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. and K-9 Reed, who went missing on August 1, 2011. Tpr. Guthrie and his K-9 partner were working flood duty in Holt and Atchison counties. Also present for the donation was Sergeant Mark A. Wilhoit, Troop H's K-9 officer.



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The Patrol News staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May 2012 bless each of you with good health, the love of your family, and deep, belly laughs!

PERSPECTIVE

Employees Serve As Natural Recruiters

By Director William E. "Bill" Marbaker, Q/CLD

Recently, the Crime Laboratory Division held interview boards to fill a vacant criminalist position within the laboratory system. The successful candidate was employed by a law enforcement agency in another state, but was seeking a job with more career advancement potential. During the interview process, when she was asked why she wanted to work for the Patrol, her answer was a true compliment.

The applicant responded that last year, she attended a large, national forensic science conference. She had the pleasure of meeting several criminalists from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab Division, who were also present. She commented that most of the people she talked to at the meeting were negative about their employers, their morale, and their job satisfaction. She heard much complaining about various aspects of their jobs. In contrast, the Patrol criminalists were upbeat and positive about their careers, and spoke about what a good organization the Missouri State Highway Patrol is to work for. It was during conversations with the Patrol criminalists that she decided that she wanted to work for an agency like the Missouri State Highway Patrol. She has now succeeded in doing just that.

The lesson to be learned here is that we are always representing our agency, no matter the situation in which we find ourselves. It is everyone's job to ensure that the Patrol hires and retains the best and brightest members of the workforce. You never know when a casual conversation, like the one that occurred at this conference, will lead to the hiring of a qualified individual who would otherwise never have considered applying.

The seeds of successful recruitment are planted at many levels within an organization. Top management has the responsibility to ensure that the workplace environment is professional, positive, fair, motivating, and conducive to employees achieving their career goals. Supervisors must constantly strive to ensure that their subordinates are given the tools they need to suc-

ceed, and are treated fairly and with respect.

Individual employees at all levels of an organization have tremendous influence on the tenor and mood of the workplace. By displaying professional and positive behaviors, we all contribute toward making the Patrol the great organization it is today. You never know when you will be recruiting your next co-worker!

Class Of '62 Meets In Hannibal

By Mrs. Vada Terrell

Hannibal, MO, served as the site for the annual reunion of the MSHP Class of 1962. The group gathered from September 12-14, 2011, with R.N. "Dick" Terrell, and his wife, Vada, serving as hosts. Activities included shopping, eating, and visiting, and wound up with a dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. It was a beautiful evening with calm waters, banjo music, and the biggest show of all ... a harvest moon. Mrs. Woody Aytes, Bill and Marty Patterson, Harold and Darlys Shelton, Shay and Linda East, Rex and Anna Barnett, Myron and Janice Garrett, Larry and Marsha Cooper, David and Joyce Cook, and Mrs. Louise Allinson-Bailey attended.

The group made plans for the 2012 reunion, which will be their 50th anniversary. The group vote placed the reunion in Jefferson City, with Harold and Darlys Shelton, and Bill and Marty Patterson acting as hosts.

Members of the Class of 1962 enjoyed their annual reunion. Pictured are (front row) R.N. "Dick" Terrell, Myron Garrett, Larry Cooper; (back row) Shay East, Harold Shelton, Bill Patterson, David Cook, and Rex Barnett.



Community Provides Life Lessons Through Basketball Camp

By Lt. Roger D. Whittler, Q/HRD

In April 2011, a gentleman walked into the General Headquarters' Waggoner Building and asked to speak with me. Mr. Lewis Griffin identified himself as an elder at the Second Christian Church of Jefferson City. As we spoke in the lobby, Lewis asked me to assist his church in the development of a youth basketball camp. He wanted the camp to be unique, in that it would include lessons on making positive choices and avoiding criminal behavior. He went on to say that Second Christian Church wanted to reach out to the community.

A group of us met on Tuesday of each week to plan for the camp. During the first couple of meetings, it was decided the camp would be held on August 9-11, 2011, at the Rickman Center, south of Jefferson City. We identified a professionally designed basketball court at the First Christian Church. Everything was falling into place. We designed workshops on bullying, careers, alcohol and drug abuse, math, English, and making positive choices. I felt this camp would be a recruiting opportunity for the Patrol.

Volunteers from the Jefferson City Police Department, Cole County Sheriff's Department, Missouri Department of Labor, Council for Drug Free Youth, Jefferson City Public Schools, and MU Lady Tigers Basketball all sent representatives to help plan and implement the program. The next problem we encountered was money. The estimated cost was in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The Second Christian Church Congregation made copies of the program and distributed them to businesses and individuals in Jefferson City and the surrounding area. Within a month, the donations were there to cover the expenses of the camp.

We identified young people who might attend the camp through the efforts of local basketball coaches and by word-of-mouth. Several teams



These young people attended the inaugural Second Christian Church Outreach Basketball Camp in 2011.

of young people had recently competed in the Show-Me State Games in July 2011. We contacted the teams from Columbia, Fulton, and Jefferson City, and provided them with applications for the Second Christian Church Basketball Camp. We asked that each team provide an adult coach. The coach, after completing a successful background check would supervise the campers.

Because the program included trips to and from the gymnasium, the old Missouri State Penitentiary, Lincoln University, and Second Christian Church, transportation would be needed. Since school was not in session, we called First Student Inc. with the hope that we could retain a school bus. First Student Inc. decided they would provide a bus and driver at a discounted rate.

A local business donated the funds to buy jerseys. My sister, Alivia, a registered nurse, agreed to provide the campers with physicals during the first day of the camp. Whatever the need, the community stepped up to support the program.

At 8 a.m., on August 9, 2011, Trooper M. David Miranda, Q/HRD; Patrol Intern Zach Secoy, Q/HRD; and I waited anxiously in the reception area at Rickman Center. Although 20 youth had confirmed their attendance, we had no idea how many campers



This group of instructors and volunteers guided a group of young people as they learned about basketball and life.

would appear. At about 8:30 a.m., campers started to arrive. It was 10 a.m. before we were able to catch our breath and count the number of attendees: We had 45 participants!

Over the three-day camp, the campers were exposed to high expectations for behavior, learning, physical sport, and sportsmanship. There was a lot of fun, too.

On day two of the camp, several campers locked themselves in their cabin saying they did not want to attend a workshop on criminal justice (talking to the police). Jefferson City Police Officer Chuck Walker and I were able to get them to come out and attend the workshop. It was evident the campers were having a good time based on the laughter they displayed during the practical joke.

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Lessons

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We used teaching moments whenever they presented themselves. For instance, the kitchen staff at the Rickman Center informed us that some of the campers would take food from the serving line and discard the food without eating it. We met with the campers about the subject. They soon started respectfully thanking the kitchen personnel and taking only items they intended to eat. Some campers used derogatory words and phrases. Each

time this occurred, we confronted the camper and gave them directions to use proper language.

The bus driver from First Student Inc. said, "On day one, I felt like I was transporting a bunch of kids. By the third day, they were adults."

By the end of the camp, all of the volunteers and adults were exhausted, but gratified. We had touched the lives of 12 adolescents from Columbia; three from Fulton, one from Holts Summit, and 29 from Jefferson City.

There is not enough space to thank all the people that made this camp possible. It is very important

to note that the collaboration with the community created benefits for everyone involved. My aim was to develop a relationship with potential future Patrol employees, and to extend the Patrol's purpose to those who otherwise might not be aware of the Patrol. The Council for Drug Free Youth, churches, schools, sheriff's department, police department, nurse, basketball coaches, and parents had interests that paralleled mine. When we collaborate with others who have a similar interest, it is amazing what we can accomplish.

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How Others See Us

Youngsters Quiz Tpr. Gregory K. Tesch

By Rebecca L. West

UMKC Berkley Child & Family Development Center

UMKC's Berkley Child & Family Development Center was fortunate to receive a visit from Trooper Gregory K. "Greg" Tesch, Troop A. I wanted to share with you how much we appreciated his visit. The children in our Plaza Room, young four- to young five-year-olds, are involved in a project that began as a study of police officers.

One of our officers at UMKC visited two weeks ago, and the children were fascinated by his radar gun. He told them that the real experts on radar guns were Highway Patrol officers, and nothing would suit until the teachers finally made contact with Tpr. Tesch. Each child prepared a question for him in anticipation of his visit. The children were excited when he finally arrived.

Tpr. Tesch explained to us that he was a bit late due to helping at a traffic crash. He told us that he is a state trooper and he works on the road. There was a crash with a motorcycle and a car, and he had to go help. Tpr. Tesch told us he had to get special information from both drivers to do a report, and he went to the hospital to make sure the motorcyclist

was okay. (He was.) Tpr. Tesch told us this crash was the second traffic crash he'd worked that morning. He is a very busy man!

Right away, the children noticed differences between the two officers. They thought that Tpr. Tesch was a

wanted to know about radar guns, police dogs, police cars, guns and arresting people, and police rocket ships.

Tpr. Tesch answered every question very respectfully and honestly, and the children really took in what he was saying. Tpr. Tesch spent an incredibly patient hour answering every question. Then, they went outside to see lights and sirens, and the inside of a Highway Patrol car!

The children will be talking about this visit for a long time. Although, I'm afraid that Tpr. Tesch did little to discourage them from their goal of obtaining a radar gun to determine who is riding a tricycle too fast on the bike path. Somehow, I'm having a little trouble working that one into this year's budget.

We want the Patrol to know that we thank you

for putting such fine troopers "on the road". (Tpr. Tesch's answer to, "Where do you work?") Needless to say, the Missouri State Highway Patrol's public relations rating is very high at Berkley right now.



"Do you have binoculars to see through bad guys?" That was the question this young fellow asked Tpr. Gregory Tesch when he visited with a preschool class at UMKC Child and Family Development Center.

sheriff because of his hat and what he was wearing. They also noticed a belt (strap) across his chest. These observations led us to the questions we generated this week. The children were ready to learn something new. Each child asked their question(s). They

What's Your DNA Up To?

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

DNA ... Does Not Apply? Do Not Ask? Although non-criminalists may not be able to say the words that create the acronym DNA, it is widely understood. People on the street can verbalize a definition if asked, "What is DNA?" For the record: DNA stands for Deoxyribonucleic Acid. We all know DNA determines what color eyes you have and how tall you are. However, DNA can do more ...

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has been analyzing DNA as a criminal investigative tool since 1990. Over the years, new techniques and technology have kept DNA in the forefront of criminal investigations. In a recent chat with Laboratory Manager/DNA Technical Leader Brian K. Hoey, Q/CLD, I learned a lot has changed over the past five years in the Crime Laboratory Division.

Additional Laboratories

One of the biggest changes is the addition of two more laboratory locations. In 2006, the Patrol's Crime Laboratory Division merged with Southeast

Missouri State University Laboratory in Cape Girardeau. In 2008, the division built a new laboratory in Springfield.

"That gave us the capability of performing DNA analysis at three laboratories instead of one," said Brian. "For the first time in history, we are running three DNA casework labs and a CODIS laboratory."

Because DNA is processed at three locations, rush cases can be worked more quickly; they don't need to be driven to Jefferson City. Of course, communication among all of the labs is essential to meeting the demands placed on the system. This growth has been a challenge, but rewarding at the same time.

The positive effect of having an additional full-service laboratory in Springfield was evident after the Joplin tornado hit. The Crime Laboratory Division was tasked with identifying the remains of 130 people. Criminalists from the Patrol's Springfield Lab worked on site collecting samples and getting reference standards from families, while criminalists at the Jefferson

City laboratory processed the samples.

"We didn't want to task them with both collection and running the samples," said Brian. "The samples came to the GHQ Lab. In the past, we would have needed to send people from Jefferson City. It would have been difficult to get people down to Joplin due to the limited services and places to stay after the tornado. The second laboratory allowed us to meet this assignment more efficiently."

Robotics

DNA testing itself hasn't changed much in the last seven or eight years. What has changed is how the tests are performed. Robotics has found its way into the Crime Laboratory Division. Much of the method for getting a DNA molecule from a cell and putting it through the process to get a profile involves using a pipette to move a set amount of the samples into little microtubes. Criminalists would pipette chemicals from a stock reagent into a tube, which is repetitive and time consuming. Manually, they worked on average eight to 10 samples at a time. Now, in the GHQ Lab, a robotic workstation does the pipetting.

"We place samples on the deck of a robot and the robot pipettes the various buffers and chemicals into the tubes for us," said Brian. "Robots can work with 96 samples at a time. They work at about the same speed as a human, but the robotics is more accurate. A robot can be doing this work while criminalists are doing something else."

Brian pointed out that the robot has been online for about a year, and hasn't called in sick even one day. Robotics assists in the Springfield and Cape Girardeau laboratories, also. At those locations, smaller versions handle 16 samples at a time. The addition of robotics is one of the larger changes for the laboratory regarding casework.

Multi-capillary Instruments

In addition to robotics, the laboratory has moved from the ability to develop a single DNA profile at a time

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Pictured is the robotic workstation for liquid handling (pipetting).

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to what are called multi-capillary instruments. A sample is pulled through an extremely small tube or capillary (size of a human hair) and detected by laser. The laboratory has moved from single capillary instruments toward those with four capillary instruments. Currently, they are upgrading to an eight-capillary instrument. This increases throughput. It takes 30 minutes to move a single DNA sample through the capillary to create a profile that can be analyzed. The CODIS Section has a 16-capillary instrument and is upgrading to 24 capillary. This will help manage the volume of cases the section receives. Robotics and multi-capillary instruments greatly increase efficiency and decrease the time needed to analyze per case.

"They can get profiles from 96 convicted offenders in an eight hour day," said Brian. "That was unheard of in early 1990s."

CODIS

The FBI and forensics laboratory community are exploring the possibility of expanding the number of genetic markers used in DNA comparisons. Currently, there are 13 core genetic markers in the database. That means, in order to do a search of the CODIS database, the offender DNA must have 13 markers associated with it.

The use of 13 markers has been in place since the late 1990s. Currently, the FBI is working to expand the marker system to include more markers and make each profile that much more specific. The Patrol uses 16 markers when comparing DNA profiles.

European laboratories use a different set of markers. Between the European and U.S. system, there are only six or seven markers in common. What that means is, when there is an international criminal, the laboratories would have to run an additional test for the other marker set. The FBI

hopes to expand CODIS to 24 markers. Expanding CODIS would make it possible to capture the markers European laboratories use, and allow the comparison in the database using one test.

There are currently four laboratory systems in the world for DNA profiling: United States, Australia/New Zealand, Europe, and Asia. These groups are working toward a global system, or markers that work in all countries. It is hoped a more seamless system will be the result. Now, the Patrol sends profile information to INTERPOL, who then communicates with the other country or countries involved in the case. The world has moved to a more global economy, which means it has a more global crime ring.

A New Tracking System

The DNA Casework Section is in the process of implementing a laboratory information system.

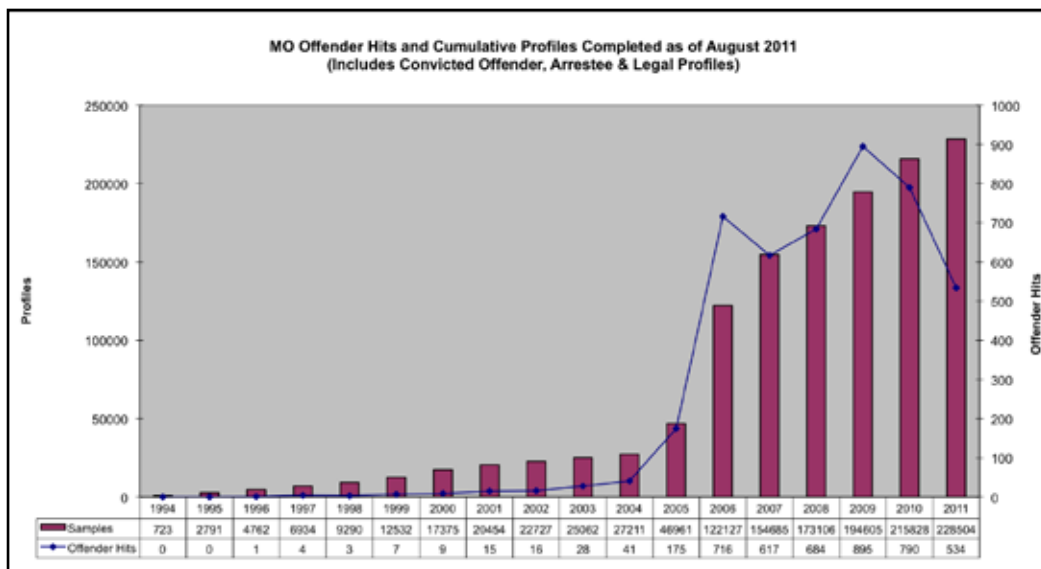
"We are going to a system where everything in the system has a bar code—samples, reagents, instruments, etc.," said Brian. "This allows us to track samples at a granular level. Currently, we can put 96 samples through the system, but the tracking of those samples is much slower. We are going to automate the tracking system, so the criminalists don't have to track by hand. Currently, each sample has a worksheet where criminalists enter information about each step in the profiling process. If that sample is run within a group of eight samples, the criminalist has to

duplicate the eight worksheets. The new system will automatically populate all eight worksheets."

This tracking system is in the testing phase. It is hoped the laboratory information system will be implemented by 2012. Criminalists worked with a company named STaCS DNA to customize the inventory system to meet the Patrol's needs.

"We also underwent a project earlier in 2011, where a company wrote software for the robot. Obviously, the

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Crime Lab Terms

DNA – DeoxyriboNucleic Acid
CODIS – Combined DNA Index System

Pipetting – Measuring and transferring quantities of liquid (chemicals or DNA) from one container to another (generally very small test tubes called microtubes or microplates).

Capillary – In this reference, a capillary is a tube the size of a strand of human hair that conveys DNA samples through an instrument called a Genetic Analyzer, where the DNA markers (STRs) are detected. (Multi-capillary instruments are those with multiple small tubes performing this function.)

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robot only does what you tell it to,” said Brian. “We all have biology and chemistry degrees, not engineering degrees. So, this company wrote the code for the robot and also integrated a lot of the processes with the STaCS DNA system.”

Brian explained that each robotic instrument is computer driven, but has its own unique software. The data from one instrument isn’t in the same language as the other instruments. The new software will integrate all of the instruments, so the data coming from one instrument can be imported over the Patrol LAN to another instrument.

For example: Criminalists have to quantify how much DNA is pres-

ent. The criminalist calculates how much chemical/buffer/enzyme is used based on the amount of DNA present for each test. The process of calculating the science of DNA testing is now done by the computer system, which is more efficient/time saving. At the GHQ Laboratory, the calculations are loaded into the robot, so the robot knows what chemical it needs to pipette.

“We’ve made some important advancements and expanded the database,” said Brian. “But, we’ve also seen a 30 percent increase in cases each year over the past five years. So, although we have increased our throughput, we’re still fighting a losing battle.”

Federal law requires laboratories with access to the CODIS database

to have a technical leader. This position is also an accreditation standard. Brian fills this role for the Patrol. As the technical leader, Brian is responsible for the data, accuracy, quality standards, and accreditation. The DNA Section includes 15 employees assigned to the GHQ, Troop D, and Troop E laboratories.

“We have an outstanding group of highly dedicated and talented people working for the DNA sections of the lab. As witnessed by our extraordinary efforts during the Joplin tragedy, we are very motivated and extremely capable. I couldn’t be more proud of the work we do on a daily basis, nor could I be more proud to be leading such a fine group,” said Brian.

DNA Section Timeline

July 1988 – Crime Lab Sprv. Tom Grant is accepted into the FBI’s Visiting Scientist Program at Quantico, VA.

February 1989 – Sprv. Grant returns to Jefferson City after a four-month resident service at Quantico. The General Headquarters Laboratory is equipped and ready to begin validation of DNA analysis methods.

October 1, 1990 – First DNA case submitted.

1991 – Senate Bill 578 passes, requiring the collection and processing of DNA samples from convicted felons of certain violent crimes and the recording of the profiles into the state and national databases.

January 1994 – The first offender collections occur.

August 1994 – Patrol receives CODIS hardware and software. (However, states were not linked nationally until 1998.)

1999 – Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) using Short Tandem Repeats (STR) is instituted with case-work samples. (This remains the current technique.)

September 1999 – The Patrol is linked to National CODIS systems (NDIS).

2004 – DNA Casework Section receives an average of 61 cases per month.

2005 – Senate Bill 1000 becomes law. This bill expanded Missouri’s offender DNA database law to require collection of DNA from all felons. A court fee provides funding for this. This law increased estimated annual DNA submissions to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory from approximately 2,200 offender samples per year to over 28,000 per year. An additional 100,000 DNA samples were to be collected immediately from prior offenders now eligible for collection for past felonies.

2006 – DNA Profiling Section accepts Governor’s Award For Quality & Productivity in the area of Efficiency/Process Improvement. The award recognized the section’s success eliminating the entire backlog of DNA samples created once the 2005 legislation took effect. The DNA profiles increased from 27,211 to almost 200,000.

2006 – The Patrol’s Crime Laboratory system merged with the Southeast Missouri State University Laboratory. For the first time, the Patrol has a satellite laboratory capable of DNA profiling.

2008 – The Highway Patrol built its Springfield Crime Laboratory, effectively adding an additional DNA lab to the system.

2009 – House Bills 152 and 62 expanded the database law to require the collection of DNA for individuals arrested for qualifying crimes and from anyone required to register as a sexual offender. (It is known that a large percentage of serious crimes are committed by persons previously convicted of lesser felony offenses.)

2004, under the previous law, there were 41 CODIS offender hits. For 2009, there were 895 hits.

October 2011 – CODIS now includes over 230,000 DNA samples from Missouri offenders. The DNA Casework Section is receiving an average of 265 cases per month (a 328% increase from 2004).

October 2011 – During this calendar year, the Patrol’s Crime Laboratory Division has produced 534 offender hits in CODIS. Since its inception in Missouri, we have realized 3,852 offender hits and 1,142 forensic (case-to-case) hits.

David McPherson: Leaving A Legacy

By Lt. Roger D. Whittler, Q/HRD

You can do anything you set your mind to. All of us have heard that adage and possibly several others that could apply to this story. But, we are not all capable of doing *anything* we set our minds to. (I have always wanted to be six feet tall.) Sometimes, it takes a special person to be the first to do or be something before the rest of us can see the possibility. When that rare person comes along, that one person who changes the status quo dramatically, that person becomes a legacy to all those who wish to follow in his footsteps.

Recently, a Patrol “legacy” returned to General Headquarters for a visit. But, let’s start this story back at the beginning ... in 1964. A young man named David E. McPherson was serving our country in the United States Air Force. He noticed that his roommate, who was ending his military enlistment, was completing a written application for the Indiana State Police. McPherson, a St. Louis native, and Sumner High School graduate, began to contemplate what a career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol would be like. Upon his return to St. Louis, McPherson travelled to Troop C Headquarters, which was located in Kirkwood at the time.

McPherson was welcomed by a desk sergeant, who explained to him that the Missouri State Highway Patrol did not have any “Negro troopers”. McPherson recalls that the information angered him, and his resolve to become a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper became stronger; his determination solidified. He said it took nearly four hours for him to get the application. McPherson successfully completed the Missouri State Highway Patrol Selection Process; he was hired on October 15, 1965. He attended recruit training at the Patrol Academy in Rolla. McPherson went on to graduate from the Academy, and serve on the Missouri State Highway Patrol for nearly nine years.



Col. Ron Replogle, retired DPS Director Charles Jackson, Mr. David E. McPherson, Mrs. Marjean McPherson, and Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey enjoyed a recent visit. Mr. McPherson holds the Missouri House of Representatives Resolution the colonel presented to him.

During his Patrol career, he served in Troops C and F. McPherson recruited a number of Patrol employees, five of whom were African-American males who would serve as members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He also recruited the first female to serve on the Patrol. Through many trials and obstacles, McPherson represented the Patrol with the same vision and core values that the agency has today. When he resigned from the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1974, as a corporal, he entered the corporate world. He worked as an executive at Motorola Incorporated before retiring from Motorola in 2003, at the age of 62.

He and his family reside in Alpharetta, GA, a suburb of Atlanta. David and his wife, Marjean, have been married for 45 years. They have one daughter, two sons, and several grandchildren.

On October 3, 2011, nearly 46 years after McPherson was hired, the Missouri State Highway Patrol hosted a luncheon at the Patrol Academy in his honor. Missouri’s first African-American trooper, David E. McPherson, spoke to guests and Patrol employees. He encouraged everyone to seek excellence, and to help find potential employees who will continue to

perform at a level the public has come to expect of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. McPherson said there are many eager men and women who, with training and assistance, would make great Patrol employees. He urged current employees to speak with people ... to let them know about the Patrol and what careers are available.

McPherson told of his belief, “If you find someone who is smarter than you are, hire that person, and they will push you to the top.”

McPherson closed his statements by saying that he has always loved the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He credits the Patrol with the success he experienced in his career within private industry.

After the luncheon, Colonel Ron Replogle presented McPherson with a Proclamation from the Missouri House of Representatives. Col. Replogle, Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Coffey, Major Sandra K. Karsten, Q/ASB, Captain Timothy McDonald, chief of staff, current and former Patrol employees, and guests toured the Patrol’s Safety Education Center. The group viewed the articles and photographs on display recounting the groundbreaking career of Missouri State Highway Patrol Corporal David E. McPherson.



Spotlight



Clerk Typist III Karna N. Cobb



Appointment: January 7, 2007.

First Assignment: Clerk Typist II, Troop A.

Current Assignment: Clerk Typist III, Troop A. (Karna currently enters tickets, types administrative reports, and is fluent in the usage of FATPOT.)

Family: Karna is the proud mother of six children: Charlotte, Jolene, Billy, Weston, Collin, and Jackson, who range in ages from 31 to six years old. She also has six grandchildren.

Interests: Karna enjoys photography, and works part-time as a cosmetologist.

During Karna's short tenure with the Patrol she has gained a reputation as a reliable and responsible co-worker with a good sense of humor. When asked for help by anyone at Troop A, or her family and friends, Karna responds without hesitation.

When asked what she has enjoyed the most about being employed by the Patrol, she responded, "I really enjoyed the work I did with DDCC. The fact I was helping those officers, who were helping others, was a great satisfaction to me."

When she is not working, Karna enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys taking

photographs of those close to her, especially when they are unaware they are being photographed. Karna's upbeat and outgoing personality have been an asset to Troop A.

Section Chief Roger D. Strobe



Appointed: December 1, 1986.

First Assignment: Computer Operator Trainee, Information Systems Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

Promotions/Reclassifications:

Computer Operator I – July 1, 1988; Probationary Radio Operator – February 1, 1989; Radio & Telecommunications Technician – August 1, 1990; Radio & Telecommunications Technician 1st Class – February 1, 1992; Shop Technician – August 1, 1999; Acting Chief Projects Engineer – December 1, 2000; Chief Projects Engineer – December 1, 2003; Section Chief – July 1, 2004. (On September 1, 2007, Roger was designated assistant director of the Communications Division.)

Current Assignment: Section Chief, Information and Communications Technology Division, General Headquarters. (Roger is currently the assistant director/section director of radio and microwave systems.)

Family: Roger and his wife, Heather, live in Taos.

Interests: Roger enjoys carpentry and playing guitar.

Roger began his career in the Information Systems Division before transferring into communications at Troop A, Lee's Summit, in 1989. He said he transferred to Troop F in 1993, and was there *just in time for the floods*. Right now, the word for Roger's work area is "change", as the Information Systems Division and Communications Division become one group.

"I think some areas will be more efficient because of this change," said Roger. "For instance, the plan is for all the car computer issues to be handled at the Radio Shop. Troopers will no longer need to go to two places for repairs. The radio system is becoming more network based, which is the domain of the computer system personnel. Also, there are communications field personnel that will be of help in the information systems area."

Trooper Gregory K. Tesch



Appointed: July 1, 2008.

First/Current Assignment: Troop A, Zone 7, Jackson County.

Family: Trooper Tesch is married to Annette (Martin) Tesch, of

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Mountain Grove, MO. Annette is employed as a bank teller in Mountain Grove. They have two grown children: Elizabeth and Karl. Elizabeth resides in Lee's Summit, and is attending the University of Missouri-Kansas City pursuing a doctoral degree in pharmacy. Karl resides in Columbia, MO. He attends the University of Missouri and pursuing a bachelor's of science in mechanical engineering.

Interests: Tpr. Tesch enjoys time with his family, volunteering, reading, and shooting. When he was younger, Tpr. Tesch was interested in lepidopterology (the study of butterflies and moths).

Before joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Tpr. Tesch was a member of the United States Marine Corps, from which he retired as a major. He enjoys playing board games and participating in other recreational activities with his family. Tpr. Tesch is a true example of someone who is involved in his community. He spends most of his time volunteering for the Boy Scouts of America, the Red Cross, and Literacy Kansas City. He also participates and volunteers for events benefitting Special Olympics and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. When he does have some "down" time, Tpr. Tesch enjoys reading about military history and maintaining his pistol marksmanship skills at the range.

"I feel that I am truly blessed to be an American citizen, and that I am obligated to repay my debt to this great country through personal service. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity I have to serve my fellow citizens as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol."

Lab. Mgr. Brian K. Hoey



Appointed: January 1, 1993.

First Assignment: Criminalist I, DNA Profiling Section, Crime Laboratory Division, General Headquarters.

Promotions/Reclassifications:

Criminalist II – January 1, 1995;
Criminalist III – January 1, 1997;
Criminalist Supervisor – July 1, 2004; Laboratory Manager – Au-

gust 23, 2010. Brian worked in the DNA Casework Section from 1995 until 2010, until he was promoted to laboratory manager.

Current Assignment: Laboratory Manager, Crime Laboratory Division, General Headquarters.

Family: Brian and his wife, Kristen, have two daughters, Kate, 10, and Kyra, 6. Kristen is a criminalist in the CODIS Section of the Crime Laboratory Division.

Interests: When he's not working, Brian says he's "basically chasing the kids around with soccer". He also serves on the board of directors for Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (MAFS). This takes quite a lot of his personal time. He recently completed a three-year term as treasurer of MAFS. From there, it was on to president-elect. In 2012, he will serve as president of this organization. Brian enjoys reading, biking, and running, too.

Retiree Accepts Missourian Award

Retired Major Michael B. Pace, also a retired brigadier general with the Missouri National Guard, accepted the Missourian Award at a special ceremony on September 17, 2011. The Missourian Award is a prestigious award that acknowledges the most accomplished citizens of Missouri. Held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, the ceremony recognized 12 people who have made an outstanding contribution to the state or nation in one of the following fields: civics, business, arts, or politics. Proceeds from the Missourian Award Program benefit the American Heart Association. Gov. Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon is the honorary chairman of the Missourian Award. Congratulations, retired Major Pace!

MCJMP Team Earns Technology Award

By Public Info. Specialist III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Team [tēm] n. “A group organized to work together.” For months now, the “group organized to work together” known as the Missouri Criminal Justice Modernization Project (MCJMP) team has been doing precisely that: *working together*. With as many people as have taken part in this incredible challenge, working together is a must. Their work is paying off ... and getting noticed.

On October 19, 2011, in the Capitol rotunda, members of the MCJMP team accepted the Governor’s Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of technology. It was the second award accepted that day by a Patrol team.

Each year, the state of Missouri recognizes teams of its employees for outstanding service excellence, efficiency, innovation, technology, process improvement, and employee development. This year’s awards honored four teams.

Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Renee Slusher, Office of Administration, served as emcee

The MCJMP team accepted the Governor’s Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of technology. DPS Deputy Director Andrea Spillars (bottom step, center) joins them in this photo.

at the event. Each member of the MCJMP team walked across the stage and accepted their personal plaque. DPS Deputy Director Andrea Spillars (acting director at the time) told those present why this team was being recognized and congratulated each team member.

In her remarks prior to the presentation, Deputy Director Spillars said for an agency to earn two of these awards is remarkable, especially in this economic environment.

The MCJMP team is actually five teams working toward the same goal: Upgrade operational systems to enhance delivery of enforcement



services and streamline operational effectiveness. The Patrol chose to approach this goal as an across-the-board modernization centering on five areas: Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD), Mobile Computing (MCD), Computerized Criminal History (CCH), Records Management (RMS), and replacement of the State Message Switch (SMS). Each area has a dedicated team of people, yet all five teams work in tandem with interface requirements, data sharing, and integrated structures and designs.

To replace all these systems simultaneously is an extraordinary goal. There are approximately 100 people working on the various aspects of the project—some full time and some as needed.

“There are project leaders for each of the five components of MCJMP,” explained Section Director Clifford R. Gronauer, Q/ICTD. “We intentionally chose people that didn’t have that particular background or experience to work in each area. We felt if the project leader or some team members didn’t know about the specific area, they would ask more questions. This would help us avoid perpetuating any bad

MCJMP Team

Sgt. Edward J. Aylward, Q/RDD
Prog./Analyst Mgr. Ronald G. Beck, Q/ICTD
Cpl. Christine A. Bogart, Troop I
Tech. Support Mgr. Harold D. Burnette, Q/ICTD
Prog./Analyst Mgr. Howard G. Carter, Q/ICTD
CIT Spec. II E. Hope Copas, Q/ICTD
Sgt. Noel C. Davenport, Q/GD
CIT Spec. II Connie L. Farris, Q/ICTD
Prog./Analyst Mgr. Doris K. Fisher, Q/ICTD
Section Director Clifford R. Gronauer, Q/ICTD
Sgt. Allan C. Heseman, Q/RDD
CIT Spec. II Mathew E. Hodgen, Q/ICTD

Tech. Support Mgr. Mark A. Huhn, Q/ICTD
CIT Spec. II Micheale J. Kroeger, Q/ICTD
Section Director Larry G. Lueckenhoff, Q/ICTD
CIT Spec. II Jessica L. Moyer, Q/ICTD
Tech. Support Mgr. Jeffrey N. Myers, Q/ICTD
Chief Operator Rocky L. Ponder, Q/ICTD
Tech. Support Mgr. Dianne E. Ruetters, Q/ICTD
Asst. Director Timothy R. Schlueter, Q/CJISD
Lt. Corey J. Schoeneberg, Q/PSD
Tech. Support Mgr. Steven C. White, Q/CJISD

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habits, including the dreaded, 'We've always done it that way.'"

In addition to Patrol employees, each of the five MCJMP subgroups includes an outside vendor. Bids were solicited in 2008, and awarded as follows: XWave (CAD), FATPOT (MCD); Niche (RMS), Computer Projects of Illinois Inc. (SMS), and Computer Projects of Illinois (CCH). Representatives of each vendor attend team meetings via conference call. Some teams incorporate Skype when meeting with employees working outside the Jefferson City area.

Accepting a Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity doesn't mean the Missouri Criminal Justice Modernization Project is finished. It does signify the team is moving the Patrol in the right direction and seeing positive results. The Patrol's mission of "Service and Protection" remains the focus of each group within MCJMP. This team is intent on decreasing the paperwork for troopers, lowering the cost of delivering enforcement services, enhancing officer safety, and allowing the Patrol to operate more efficiently.

Congratulations to the MCJMP team! Keep up the great work!

What Is MCJMP?

The Missouri Criminal Justice Modernization Project (MCJMP) includes the following areas or subgroups:

Computer Aided Dispatch -- Previously, two separate products provided dispatching and tracking. The new system combines these into a single capability, which also includes real-time GPS tracking of patrol cars. Better mapping software has greatly increased the verified address capabilities and includes history of previous calls to that location.

Mobile Computing -- This component changes the officer's workflow from a manual process to a paperless operation, including e-ticketing. Officers can scan a motorist's license and generate citations using a printer in their vehicles. The elimination of duplicate data provides the capability to propagate repetitive information into multiple reports without rekeying.

Computerized Criminal History -- The new criminal history repository makes it easier to cross-reference data elements, and to expand identifying information. It also offers an array of presentation capabilities. Part of this upgrade is a website allowing public access to criminal records. Users can register, pay a nominal fee, and print record checks for themselves or others.

Records Management System -- This system provides features that include suspect pictures, residence and work addresses, identifying information such as tattoos and scars, and vehicles owned and driven by a suspect. In addition, cross-referential capabilities match aspects of the suspect profile across other data repositories.

State Message Switch -- This is the primary routing manager for requests to the many systems holding criminal justice data. It directs requests to the appropriate system(s), receives the results, and routes them back to the requester, while appearing as a single transaction.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reese Lauren

Recruit Todd K. & Mrs. Kristen E. Burton
Q/TND

Dalton K.

Cpl. Darrin K. & Mrs. Jill Lilleman
Q/DDCC

Grayden James

Comm. Oper. II Justin K. & Mrs. Rebekah D. Parks
Troop B

Keygan Garrett

Mr. Gary S. & Clerk Typist I Megan E. Long
Troop E

Ethan Blake

Cpl. Andrew A. & Mrs. Kimberly A. Henry
Troop H

Jaylen Addison

Mrs. Marcy R. Parsley & the late Cpl. Jay A. Parsley
Troop E

Henry Paul

Sgt. Henry J. & Mrs. Amy M. Folsom
Q/DDCC

Abigail DeLaine

Mr. Jason D. & Tpr. Tabitha D. Nichols
Troop B

Quinn Warren

Tpr. Jared W. & Mrs. Hannah J. Servais
Troop C

Ryder Alan

Tpr. Evan T. & Mrs. Andrea L. Hane
Troop I

Evan Joseph

Cpl. Scott A. & Mrs. Shanna L. Ballard
Troop F

Jacquelyn Olivia

Tpr. Timothy A. & Mrs. Jessica S. Barrett
Troop D

'Looking Beyond The Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of September 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

Troop A

Tpr. J.S. Baughman, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.L. Billings, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. Chapman, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.N. Comer, 1 arrest
Tpr. L. Dancy, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.G. Dunfee, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.E. Fessenden, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.D. Galaska, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.J. Hanrahan, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.D. Mathes, 4 arrests
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 4 arrests
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 6 arrests
Cpl. C.E. Utterback, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 2 arrests

Troop B

Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.J. Glover, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.C. Griffin, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.T. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.F. Porter, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.P. Quinn, 1 arrest
Sgt. B.D. Ream, 1 arrest
Sgt. T.R. Rohn, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.L. Seiner, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.E. Siegfried, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.B. Skaggs, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.P. Smeltser, 1 arrest

Troop C

Tpr. M.T. Angrisani, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.R. Ashby, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.L. Coffey, 1 arrest
Cpl. T.S. Croft, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Fieser, 2 arrests
Tpr. G.T. Gronemeyer, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.S. Huskey, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.F. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.D. Lindgren, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.D. Oughton, 3 arrests
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.J. Washabaugh, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.L. Woods, 1 arrest

Troop D

Tpr. Q.D. Bland, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.D. Green, 1 arrest
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 2 arrests
Cpl. S.R. Monk, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.J. Stevens, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.A. Wilson, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 3 arrests
Cpl. R.D. Owens, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 1 arrest

Troop F

Sgt. W.V. Ahrens, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.A. Armstrong, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.A. Brazas, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Cluver, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.M. Cummings, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 1 arrest

Tpr. D.R. Haslag, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 4 arrests
Tpr. B.C. Lawler, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Miller, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.J. North, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.C. Piercy, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 2 arrests
Cpl. T.D. Stegeman, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 2 arrests
Cpl. R.S. Thompson, 2 arrests
Cpl. T.R. Walley, 5 arrests
Tpr. G.L. West, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 3 arrests

Troop G

Cpl. S.N. Foster, 3 arrests
Tpr. S.R. Hogan, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.D. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Kimes, 2 arrests
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.R. Wells, 2 arrests

Troop H

Tpr. J.C. Acree, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.S. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Zach, 1 arrest

Troop I

Cpl. K.D. Wilmont, 1 arrest

Field Operations Bureau

Lt. P.D. Kerperin, 1 arrest

Patrol Honors Ike Skelton

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Colonel Ron Replogle and members of his staff honored the long-term support of retired Congressman Ike Skelton at a presentation in Kansas City. The law offices of Husch, Blackwell, Sanders LLP, where retired Congressman Skelton is a partner, hosted the event in late September.

It was hoped that Congressman Skelton would speak to a graduating recruit class in 2010. Understandably, his busy schedule didn't allow him to do so. Since that time, he has left office.

Retired Congressman Skelton served the citizens of Missouri as a Lafayette County prosecutor, state representative, and congressman his entire life. During all that time, he's been a supporter of the Patrol.

Retired Congressman Ike Skelton was pleased to accept a special gift from Major Robert E. Bloomberg, Q/TSB. The license plate shows the year "1931", which is the year both the congressman and the Patrol were born.

"We wanted to take an opportunity to recognize his large body of work," said Captain Ronald L. Walker, Q/FOB. "As a congressman, he would send a brief to officers in his district any time there was a court decision affecting law enforcement. Congressman Skelton has had a lifelong commitment to public safety. Although he was at the federal level, he never lost his focus on supporting the citizen."



"Congressman Skelton has demonstrated his support of the Patrol throughout his career," said Col. Replogle. "The support of dedicated public servants like Congressman Skelton helps us to provide the best possible service and protection to the citizens we serve."

Sgt. David May Memorial Highway Dedicated

By Tpr. Clark D. Parrott, Troop E

On Thursday, September 29, 2011, a ceremony at the Troop E Headquarters in Poplar Bluff dedicated the portion of U.S. Highway 67 from County Road 422 to U.S. Highway 60 East/67 South bypass in Butler County, as the Missouri State Highway Patrol Sergeant David May Memorial Highway. Active and retired Patrol members from Troop E, representatives from the Missouri State Troopers Association, several community dignitaries, representatives from the Missouri Department of Transportation, and family and friends of the Mays attended the ceremony.

The Reverend Marty Reed opened the dedication with an invocation. Heartfelt comments from Captain George E. Ridens, Troop E; Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol; Lieutenant Larry W. Plunkett, Troop F; Representative Todd Richardson, District 154; and Mrs. Lynda (May) Anderson followed, prior to unveiling the memorial sign.

Representative Richardson sponsored House Bill 798, which passed during the 96th General Assembly (2011). This legislation designated a portion of U.S. 67 in memory of Sgt. David May. The Missouri State Troopers Association provided funds to purchase and erect the new signs.

Sgt. David May lost his life in a helicopter crash in the line of duty on May 17, 1999. The fatal crash occurred as he was piloting helicopter 77MP in the Poplar Bluff area. Sgt. May was the 19th member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to lose his life in the line of duty.



(l to r) Tara (May) Forgette, Krista (May) Tagli, and Mrs. Lynda (May) Anderson stand near the memorial sign after the unveiling.

Promotions



Michael A. Turner
Lieutenant
Troop F



Donald R. Barbour Jr.
Sergeant
Troop F



Dawn M. Moore
Chief Oper.
Troop E



John T. Massey
Asst. Chief Oper.
Troop B



Kevin L. Braun
Comm. Tech. II
Q/ICTD



Michael M. Ewers
Comm. Tech. II
Q/ICTD



Pamela J. Cox
DE III
Troop A



Kyle D. Crothers
DE III
Troop F



Dale A. Goldsberry
MVI III
Troop E



Richard A. Falk
CIT III
Q/ICTD



Matthew R. Freeman
CVE Inspector III
Troop E



Holly A. Haarmann
Senior CJIS Mgr.
Q/CJISD



Jeffrey L. Hamilton
CVE Inspector III
Troop E



Christy R. Handshy-
Feeler
DE II
Troop A



Richard L. Hargrove
MVI I
Troop C

Promotions



Ronald W. Hoffman
MVI III
Troop C



Sharon D. Johnson
DE III
Troop C



Justin E. Lacy
Fingerprint Tech. III
Q/CJISD



Kimberly D. O'Conner
DE II
Troop E



Jeffrey R. Sims
CVO Sprv. II
Troop C



Steven K. Thompson
CVO Sprv. II
Troop C



Michael K. VerBrugge
DE III
Troop F

TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date Dec. 6, 2011	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2009 Traffic Fatalities	2010 Traffic Fatalities
715	766	-51	878	821

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

MACHS Team Accepts Gov. Award

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Each year, the state of Missouri recognizes teams of its employees for outstanding service excellence, efficiency, innovation, technology, process improvement, and employee development. This year's awards honored four teams, two of which were comprised mostly of Patrol employees.

A special awards ceremony took place on October 19, 2011, in the Capitol rotunda. Members of the Missouri Automated Criminal History Site or MACHS team each walked across a stage and accepted their personal plaque. Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Renee Slusher, Office of Administration, served as emcee at the event. DPS Deputy Director Andrea Spillars (acting director at the time) told those present why this team was being recognized and congratulated each team member. In her remarks prior to the presentation, Director Spillars expressed her appreciation to the team and described their accomplishment as being truly commendable.

Members of the MACHS team join DPS Deputy Director Andrea Spillars (bottom step, far left) for a photo after accepting their award.

So, how did this group of people end up in the rotunda accepting such a prestigious award? It all began in 2009, as a quest ... The team included Patrol employees, RKV Technologies representatives, and Computer Projects of Illinois (CPI) representatives. Their goal: Create a way for businesses and individuals to request a background check which would enable the Patrol to respond in a more efficient and timely manner.

"The largest challenge was explaining the current system to the companies awarded the bid, and telling them where we wanted to go," said Senior CJIS Mgr. Jeffrey "J.D." Reece, Q/CJISD.



The project would have two phases. First, allow businesses and individuals to request a background check of open records via the Internet. Before MACHS became a reality, there were two ways to request a background check. The request could be mailed using U.S. Mail to the Criminal Justice Information Services Division, or the request could be made in person at the Patrol's General Headquarters. There are thousands of open record background checks processed each week.

"Capt. [Timothy P.] McGrail had the vision for an online background check," said Lt. Steven J. Frisbie, Q/CJISD. "J.D. and everyone else added to it, and MACHS is the result."

There were weekly conference calls for those team members directly affected. After months of discussions and hard work, the initial MACHS was ready for testing. Criminal Justice Information Services Division personnel tested the site and provided feedback to the team for improvements.

On February 7, 2011, the MACHS went "live". The site allows users to create accounts and submit the personal identifiers of an individual via an online shopping cart or batch file

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MACHS Implementation Team

Congratulations to the following members of the Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS) Implementation Team!

CIT Spec. II Linda K. Amos,
Q/ICTD

CIT Spec. II Mark A. Ashcraft,
Q/ICTD

CIT Spec. II Sandra L. Bexten,
Q/ICTD

Prog./Analyst Mgr. Howard G.
Carter Jr., Q/ICTD

Security/Quality Control Admin.
Kerry K. Creach, Q/CJISD

Ret. Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Connie
L. Daniels, Q/CJISD

Mr. David Donaldson, CPI

CIT Spec. II Pamela E. Ferguson,
Q/ICTD

Lt. Steven J. Frisbie, Q/CJISD
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Carol A.

Kampeter, Q/CJISD

Mr. Mark Kersten, RKV

Mr. Michael Khan, CPI

Mr. Roger Killingsworth, CPI
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Susan C.

Lauberth, Q/CJISD

Mr. Jerry Leinberger, CPI

Senior CJIS Mgr. Jeffrey D. Reece,
Q/CJISD

Tech. Support Mgr. Dianne E.
Ruettgers, Q/ICTD

Mr. Erik Snyder, CPI

CIT Spec. II Arthur T. Wilkins,
Q/ICTD

(Note: CPI stands for Computer Projects of Illinois Inc.; RKV is the abbreviation for RKV Technologies.)

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upload for an open record criminal history search. During the first three months after implementation, MACHS processed 121,752 electronic record checks. Of those, 110,250, or 90%, were returned instantly to the user's screen without human intervention required by a Patrol employee.

This innovative, new online background check site met the team's goal of greatly increasing the efficiency and timeliness of name-based background checks. MACHS has eased the process for the public. It also has allowed the Patrol to reallocate a significant number of employees who previously were required to oversee the manual background check process. MACHS' success is impressive. As a result, the MACHS team accepted the honor of a Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of efficiency/process improvement.

But, this team's not finished quite yet. Remember the second phase mentioned earlier? After celebrating briefly on their job well done, this team went back to work. The second phase "Rapback" is now under way. The goal of this phase is to create a system that monitors previous requests and new activity. For instance, after an initial background check request is answered, MACHS will monitor that person's record. If that person is arrested after the background request has been filled, the system communicates the additional information to the requester.

"I'm extremely proud of the MACHS team," said Capt. Timothy P. "Tim" McGrail, director of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division. "Each member of the team worked many hours to ensure the final product met the needs of the public, while at the same time, followed Missouri statutes. The result is a system that makes background checks more efficient and timely. More than 90 percent of these record checks are completed and returned to the requester within minutes."

Congratulations, MACHS team!
Keep up the great work.

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

40 years ago

November 1971 – A story told that Donald H. Carriker, a Troop B driver examiner, was trying to raise \$4,600 to purchase a "jaws of life" machine for use in his area. Bob Hope was on the back cover. Mr. Hope was in Missouri for performances in Springfield and Columbia.

35 years ago

December 1976 – The story of an unusual traffic crash could be found in this issue. A 1967 Plymouth Coach struck the rear of a 1965 Chevrolet. The Plymouth then traveled up a 10-foot embankment, across a yard, over a concrete retaining wall, and landed on the roof of the Crystal City Auto Parts building. Two large wreckers with booms removed the car from the roof as an audience of about 300 people watched.

30 years ago

November 1981 – The Patrol celebrated its 50th anniversary with an open house at each troop headquarters. The picture on the back cover showed Sgt. C.H. Henley standing near an unauthorized sign on U.S. Highway 50 near Troop A Headquarters. The sign's message was: To the girl in white, when you smile, there isn't anything prettier. Love you. A friend.

25 years ago

December 1986 – A column provided unique excuses for speeding. Cpl. Ron Berry reported he stopped a man for driving 104 mph. The man said he was going to the doctor. He said he suffered from black out spells and wanted to get to his doctor's office before he blacked out again.

20 years ago

November 1991 – An 11-month-old German shepherd named Ben joined Troop H. He would be assigned to Trooper Sheldon A. Lyon. Governor John Ashcroft signed legislation to strengthen DWI laws. Limited edition art prints of troopers at work were for sale at \$15 each through the Missouri State Troopers' Association. The print also included the names of the officers killed in the line of duty.

15 years ago

December 1996 – Troopers would discontinue wearing the buckle Oxford shoes as of December 31, 1996. An article explained that the Patrol was investigating the use of mobile data terminals in its vehicles. Patrol was named the Midwest D.A.R.E. Regional Training Center.

MSHP Crime Lab Achieves International Accreditation

By Director William E. "Bill" Marbaker, Q/CLD

The Crime Laboratory Division is proud to announce its successful *international* accreditation. All eight laboratories of the Missouri State Highway Patrol met or exceeded the requirements by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Board of Directors. This honor comes after a thorough evaluation of the laboratory's management system and technical procedures and practices.

Missouri Revised Statute Section 650.060 requires that after December 31, 2012, "any crime laboratory providing reports or testimony to a state court pertaining to a result of the forensic analysis of evidence shall be accredited ..."

For the past five years, the laboratory has been converting its quality assurance management system to these new standards. The international standards primarily affect the administrative aspects of laboratory operations. It requires thorough documentation and tracking of work activities, such as, document control, purchasing, complaints, and corrective and preventive action. During the week of March 21, 2011, a team of 14 forensic experts from crime labs across the nation assessed our eight laboratory system. They reviewed all the documents associated with laboratory testing and administration. Employees were interviewed, their qualifications were reviewed, and they were asked to demonstrate various aspects of their work. After the week of intense scrutiny, the laboratory received multiple compliments regarding their operations. A statewide sigh of relief was heard when the last assessor was dropped off at the airport.

As of September 8, 2011, accreditation under the ASCLD/LAB - *International* program was awarded to the Patrol Laboratory System: Jefferson City, Springfield, Cape Girardeau, St. Joseph, Macon, Park Hills, Willow Springs, and Carthage. The Patrol Crime Laboratory is the first internationally accredited government crime laboratory in Missouri.

Since 1985, the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory Division

has been accredited by the ASCLD/LAB. At that time, the idea of accreditation of forensic laboratories was new and not embraced by all laboratories. But, because of the foresight of then-Director/Sergeant Frank Burkhead, the Patrol's laboratory system was on its way to meeting the highest level of quality as defined by the experts in the field. The original accreditation program was titled "Legacy" and was comprised of over 150 individual requirements. The Jefferson City laboratory was the 23rd accredited forensic laboratory in the nation. The other Patrol laboratories—Macon, St. Joseph,

and Willow Springs—in the system were accredited also at that time.

Twenty years later, ASCLD/LAB expanded the accreditation requirements and added the international requirements of ISO/IEC 17025, *General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*, to their own program. This resulted in a compilation of over 500 standards the laboratory must meet to be accredited. The new accreditation program is titled "International."

All the employees of the crime laboratory system deserve congratulations for their perseverance and hard work, which led to the successful outcome of International accreditation assessment.

WPD: Leadership, Commitment, Sacrifice NASBLA Recognizes Water Patrol Division

By Sgt. Gerard G. "Jerry" Callahan, Troop F

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) presented the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Water Patrol Division with its coveted Compass Award. The award recognizes the division's leadership, commitment, and sacrifice in assisting NASBLA and the U.S. Coast Guard in promulgating the first-ever battery of seated, standardized field sobriety tests to enhance boating under the influence enforcement actions across the nation. NASBLA presented the award during its 52nd annual meeting in Milwaukee in September 2011.

In 2005, NASBLA began a process to validate a series of standard field sobriety tests for the marine environment much like what is used on the roadways. Scientists from the Southern California Research Institute, along with marine law enforcement officers from many agencies, worked in the lab setting to identify four tests that would be best suited for use on seated subjects to determine accurately their impairment from alcohol. During the summer 2009, the most significant and complicated aspect of the validation project took place. This process involved extensive field testing of the standardized tests under real world conditions on the water at Lake of the Ozarks. The effort included the full-time commitment from four troopers of the Highway Patrol's Water Patrol Division, along with project researchers.

NASBLA's Compass Award is used to recognize a member agency for significant measures in efforts or initiatives that enhance our nation's safety and security in the marine environment. Agency leaders and officers alike enthusiastically supported the field testing portion of this research. Numerous logistical hurdles were overcome in order to accommodate the many man-hours this validation study entailed.

"The ultimate goal of more reliable standard field sobriety tests for the marine environment goes hand in hand with our agency's efforts to reduce the number of incidents involving impaired operators through vigorous enforcement efforts and education," said Colonel Ron Repogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Anniversaries

December

30 years

CITS II E. Hope Copas, Q/ICTD

25 years

Section Chief Roger D. Strobe,
Q/ICTD

Programmer/Analyst Mgr. Ronald
G. Beck, Q/ICTD

20 years

Cpl. David S. Rice, Troop D

10 years

CIT Sprv. II Linda A. Johnson,
Q/ICTD

DE III Katie A. Ishmael, Troop H

5 years

Tpr. David F. Echternacht, Troop F
Fingerprint Tech. III Amanda J.
Flippin, Q/CJISD

Cook Sprv. Richard L. Hagenhoff,
Q/TND

Tpr. Logan B. Monahan, Troop E
Tpr. Robert A. Sanders, Troop F
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. James
L. Davis, Q/MED

January

25 years

Chief Oper. Billy R. Brumble,
Troop I

Chief Tech. Dewayne D. Carver,
Q/ICTD

Chief Tech. Warren D. Reynolds,
Q/ICTD

Tpr. Schawnn W. Fogler, Troop D

20 years

Sgt. Larry M. Allen, Troop H
Sgt. Edward J. Aylward, Q/RDD
Sgt. Geoffrey L. Borlinghaus,
Q/TND

Lt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D
Cpl. William M. Bush, Troop D
Sgt. Ronald A. Copeland, Troop I
Sgt. Timothy E. Crowe, Troop E
Lt. Steve P. Davis, Troop I
Tpr. Theresa Davis, Q/GD
Cpl. Russell J. Fillipi, Troop D
Sgt. Michael K. Frazier, Troop D
Sgt. Cody H. Fulkerson, Troop I
Sgt. Michael E. Kauth, Troop B
Sgt. Keith L. Lichay, Troop C
Lt. James E. McDonald, Troop H
Tpr. Mark McIntyre, Troop B

Sgt. Bradley D. Moore, Troop C
Cpl. Roger A. Myers, Troop D
Tpr. Leonard S. Reed, Q/GD
Sgt. Raymond T. Rees, Troop G
CITS II Janice D. Scheibeler,
Q/ICTD

Cpl. Darren E. Sigman, Q/GD
Sgt. Clark N. Stratton, Troop A
Sgt. Alan R. Sullivan, Q/GSD
Sgt. Gary C. Swartz, Troop C
Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D

15 years

Cpl. John S. Ashby, Q/DDCC
Tpr. Trenton A. Badgett, Troop D
Tpr. Paul M. Behrens, Troop B
Criminalist Sprv. Susanne R.
Brenneke, Q/CLD

Sgt. James R. Campbell, Troop C
Sgt. Michele L. Coon, Troop C
Cpl. Howard B. Cowan, Troop H
Tpr. Steven H. Crabtree, Troop I
Sgt. Donald L. Crump, Q/DDCC
Tpr. Donald L. Doza, Troop F
Tpr. Joseph Drum, Troop D
Sgt. Gregory A. DuBois, Troop I
Tpr. Rebecca L. Eagan, Q/GD
Sgt. George H. Falterman,
Troop G

Cpl. Allen R. Flannery, Troop C
Sgt. Henry J. Folsom, Q/DDCC
Tpr. James W. George, Troop H
Tpr. Bryan G. Graham, Q/GD
Cpl. Brandon D. Helms, Troop D
Tpr. Dewey K. Heppe, Troop E
Tpr. Curtis W. Hubbs, Troop G
Cpl. Eric J. Keim, Troop A
Cpl. Kent M. Kreftmeyer, Troop F
Tpr. Robert V. McCormick,
Troop A

Cpl. Douglas W. Melton, Troop A
Sgt. D. Scott Nace, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Trayton T. Pitts, Troop A
Cpl. Shawn L. Price, Q/AD
Sgt. Michael P. Quilty, Troop H
Sgt. Steven D. Rudloff, Troop F
Cpl. Robert C. Savage, Troop D
Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Q/DDCC
Tpr. Daniel W. Schubert, Troop A
Cpl. William B. Sevier, Troop C
Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A
Cpl. Eddie J. Walker, Troop D
Sgt. Joseph M. Weadon, Troop E
Tpr. Nathan L. Wheelles, Troop E

10 years

Comm. Oper. III David R. Axelrod,
Troop C

Trainer/Auditor I William C.
Welch, Q/CJISD

5 years

Tpr. Timothy A. Barrett, Troop D
Tpr. Zackery K. Bryan, Troop D
Tpr. Ricky J. Chapman, Troop A
Clerk Typist III Karna N. Cobb,
Troop A

Criminalist III Gary D. Davis,
Q/CLD

Tpr. Jeffrey T. Day, Troop D
Tpr. Aimee N. Fulkerson, Troop I
Tpr. John C. Gilliland, Troop H
Tpr. Trent J. Haley, Troop B
DE III Leena C. Harris, Troop D
Tpr. Benjamin R. Hilliard, Troop H
Tpr. Mason B. Hollis, Troop A
Tpr. Terry M. James, Q/GD
Tpr. Amy K. Johnson, Troop E
Tpr. Steven B. Johnson, Troop F
Tpr. Christopher A. Kimes, Troop
G

Tpr. Paul C. Long, Troop C
Tpr. Garrett J. Loring, Troop G
Tpr. Dustin L. Lyle, Troop H
Tpr. John P. Masters, Q/GD
Tpr. Joshua J. McDonald, Troop I
Tpr. Adam N. Miller, Troop E
Tpr. M. David Miranda, Q/HRD
Tpr. Dustin N. Morey, Troop A
Tpr. Joshua D. Owens, Troop A
Criminalist III Amy L. Peebles,
Q/CLD

Tpr. Cary F. Porter, Troop B
Tpr. Brooks A. Pratt, Troop E
Tpr. Terrance B. Ritter, Troop B
Tpr. Jared W. Servais, Troop C
Criminalist III Emily N. Smelser,
Q/CLD

MVI III Mark D. Statun Jr.,
Troop C
Tpr. Patrick D. Sublette, Q/DDCC
Tpr. Derek K. Sullivan, Troop F
Tpr. Christopher M. Turner,
Q/GD

Tpr. Justin W. Turner, Troop F
Tpr. Joshua C. Utz, Troop A
Tpr. Adam J. Webb, Troop H
Tpr. Scott B. White, Troop F

Retirements

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Larry G. Pettis



After 23 years of service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop H Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Larry G. Pettis retired on May 31, 2011.

Larry began his career with the Patrol on November 1, 1988, at Troop H, as a buildings and grounds employee. Larry was promoted to buildings and grounds supervisor on May 8, 2002.

Larry grew up in Trenton, MO, and graduated from high school there. After high school, Larry attended Trenton Junior College and received an associate's degree in business. After college, Larry married the love of his life, Jeanie Leeper, also of Trenton. The couple moved to St. Joseph where Larry was employed by Weaver Overhead Door Company prior to his employment with the Patrol. Larry and Jeannie have one grown son, Logan, of St. Joseph.

Larry says he has nothing major planned for retirement except to enjoy it. He will work at the church that they attend and help his son with his Christian music programs and ministry. Larry also will have the time to purchase his first fishing and hunting licenses in 20 years. He plans to get his money out of the license. In addition, Larry wants to return to installing garage doors in the spare time that he will have.

The employees of Troop H want to

wish Larry the very best for his retirement, and hope he and Jeanie can relax.

Chief Oper. Terry M. Barnett



On July 1, 2011, after more than 31 years of dedicated service, Troop B Chief Operator Terry Barnett retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Terry began his career with the Patrol on January 1, 1980, when he was assigned to Troop B as a radio and telecommunications technician. On October 10, 1994, he was promoted to radio and telecommunications training engineer, and on May 1, 1998, was reclassified to assistant chief telecommunications engineer. On June 1, 2003, he was promoted to chief telecommunications engineer. In 2004, his title was reclassified to that of chief, and again in 2008, to the title of chief operator.

Terry is a native of Bethany, MO, and graduated from South Harrison High School. After high school, he attended Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, where he earned an associate's degree in electronics. After college and prior to being employed by the Patrol, he worked as a television repairman.

He is married to Jayne (Brokaw), a native of Lenox, IA, and they have three grown children: Kristi Northway, who lives in Woodburn, IA, and Jason Barnett and Kelli Clements, who both live in Macon, MO. Terry and Jayne have nine grandchildren and are ex-

pecting the 10th. He and his wife are active members of the Macon First Baptist Church, where Terry serves as a deacon.

During Terry's career, he taught a number of MULES classes to other law enforcement agencies and assisted in the training of new Patrol radio personnel. When not working the radio console, Terry repaired radio equipment. Since 1995, Terry has been a "Patrol tower climber". He said heights have never bothered him, and that he has climbed every troop radio tower with the exception of the Troop E tower. Terry said one of his most memorable experiences with the Patrol was in September 2005, when he was assigned to be a part of a Patrol detail consisting of 50 members and six radio personnel who assisted Mississippi law enforcement authorities in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. During the two-week detail, a mobile command post was established in Biloxi, MS.

Terry says his immediate retirement plans consist of "a bunch of projects" that would include building a barn, participating in local church activities, and being a part of upcoming mission trips.

Troop B will greatly miss Terry. We wish him a long, healthy retirement.

Lt. Ralph L. Bledsoe



Lieutenant Ralph L. Bledsoe retired August 1, 2011. His career in law

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enforcement has come full circle. Ralph began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol in January 1975, as a member of the 44th Recruit Class. After graduation, he worked in Troop H, where he was assigned to Buchanan and Andrew counties. In 1977, Ralph took a short break from law enforcement. He joined the Saline County Sheriff's Department in 1984, after graduating first in his class from the University of Missouri's 120-hour Basic Law Enforcement Class. At Saline County, Ralph supervised the jail, oversaw the auxiliary deputy program, and was involved in criminal investigations and civil processing. He also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a district supervisor for the federal crop insurance program.

In January 1986, Ralph joined the Missouri State Water Patrol as part of its 22nd Recruit Class, where he again graduated first in his class. His first assignment was on Truman Lake. Ralph was a district criminal investigator and quickly became involved as an academy instructor in 1988. In 1998, he was promoted to corporal and assigned to Pomme De Terre and Stockton Lake. In 2004, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to Jefferson City, where he served as the Water Patrol's public information director. He oversaw media releases, the boating education program, and worked with legislative issues for the Water Patrol. Ralph was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in December 2006, and assigned as assistant district commander for District 6, which encompassed 26 counties in the northwestern region of Missouri. Upon the merger of the Highway Patrol and Water Patrol on January 1, 2011, Ralph found himself back where he started his law enforcement career in 1975.

Ralph has served many duties over his law enforcement career. The most notable impact he may have had was as an instructor for 12 Water Pa-

trol academies. He was named "Instructor of the Year" on two occasions. He said that as a public information officer, he relished the opportunity to talk to people and to provide them with the service of information. "Law enforcement is all about people, and I have always liked being of service to people," he said.

Ralph graduated from Marshall High School in 1969. He graduated magna cum laude from Missouri Valley College with a degree in business administration, with double minors in economics and mathematics. He has been married to his lovely wife, Becky, for the past 40 years. The Bledsoes have three grown children: Jeremy, Jason, and Heather, who all live in the Kansas City area. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren at their home in Independence.

His plans for retirement are to become more active in church ministry and take more motorcycle trips. Maybe he will have an easier time getting off for Sturgis this year. Good luck, Ralph!

Capt. William E. "Bill" Cox



August 1, 2011 marked the official retirement date for Captain William E. "Bill" Cox, of the Water Patrol Division. Bill has served the state of Missouri for over 32 years. He joined the Missouri State Water Patrol in 1979,

as part of its 17th Recruit Class. This was the first Water Patrol recruit class to go through training at the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy.

Bill's first patrol assignment was in New Madrid County on the Mississippi River. He was later assigned to Herman, MO. In 1981, Bill was promoted to corporal and transferred to the Lake of the Ozarks. In 1983, he was promoted to sergeant and moved to Clearwater Lake. In 1984, Bill transferred to St. Charles County and worked the Alton Pool on the Mississippi River. In 1986, he was promoted to the rank of captain and assigned as the supervisor for the northwest region of Missouri. Bill served as a member and supervisor on the dive recovery team, supervised the Water Patrol response team that went to Hurricane Katrina, and supervised the field operations of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial re-enactments. On January 1, 2011, he became a captain with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, when the two agencies merged.

Bill grew up around Elsberry, MO, and graduated from Lincoln County R-2 High School in 1972. He then attended the University of Missouri in Columbia. He graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 1997. Bill has been married to his wife, Lorene "Buttons", for 35 years, and they have three daughters: Kelli Culp, of Lee's Summit; Kristin Loffelmacher, of Albuquerque, NM; and Kimberly Cox, of Lee's Summit. He has two grandchildren, Derek and Elsie Culp.

Bill said he felt privileged to serve with so many fine officers and for the finest marine law enforcement agency that ever existed. One thing is for sure, and that is, Bill has seen his share of floods over the years up and down the Missouri River. His wife has plans and projects to fill the days off the water.

Lt. Terry R. Moore



After 34 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the citizens of this state, Lieutenant Terry R. Moore, Troop D, retired on September 1, 2011.

Terry was born in St. Louis, MO, and attended Francis Howell High School in St. Charles, MO. A graduate of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO, and University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, he earned a bachelor's of science degree in business administration and a master's degree in criminal justice, respectively. Terry began his career with the Patrol on March 1, 1977, as a member of the 46th Recruit Class. After graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy, he was first assigned to Troop B, Zone 3, Lewis, Clark, Scotland, and Knox counties.

Terry transferred to the Governor's Security Division during Governor Ashcroft's administration, in 1985. He was promoted to corporal in July 1987. Terry transferred to the Training Division in 1988, where he was promoted to sergeant in June 1990. In 1993, he transferred to Troop D, Zone 12, Christian County, where he was the assistant zone supervisor. He was assigned as Troop D's public information and education officer in March 1995. He remained in this position until August 2001, when he was promoted to lieutenant in Troop D. He served as a

troop lieutenant until his retirement.

Throughout the years, Terry was associated with and developed many projects. These include creating award-winning public service announcements, composing several Patrol Legal Bulletins, organizing an Operation C.A.R.E. conference, creating a training program for Troop D telecommunicators, and designing Troop D aggressive driving enforcement programs. He has served as a SWAT team hostage negotiator, chair for Motor Vehicle Law Review committee, and participated in numerous other activities.

In addition to his supervisory duties within Troop D, Terry continued his passion for safety education. Over 10 years ago, Terry developed a Community Alliance Program held in Troop D. As the developer of this important outreach program, he has continued to work on its planning and execution. That program was so successful it was adopted by the remaining eight troops. Also, of note is the fact that Terry was the driving force behind the partnership of the Patrol with Con-Way Freight and Roush Racing. The resulting media campaign brought state and national attention to the dangers of texting while driving. The culmination of this effort was the placement of the Patrol anti-texting logo onto the hood of a race car during a Nationwide Series event in St. Louis.

Finally, as a consummate student of the criminal justice system, Terry was called upon often by troopers and outside agencies alike to answer questions regarding traffic and criminal law. He welcomed this interaction with the troopers and the opportunity to build bridges with other law enforcement agencies.

Terry has been honored with nominations and awards throughout his Patrol career. In 2010, Terry accepted the Patrol's Benjamin Booth Officer of the Year award (four-time nominee). He earned Springfield's

Woodruff Award for outstanding community service by a law enforcement officer in 1999, and the Department of Public Safety Instructor of the Year award in 1991.

Terry has been married for over 38 years to Paula (Roberts) Moore. They have two grown children: Mackenzie, of Springfield, and David, of Independence.

Terry is an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and a motorcycle enthusiast. When he is not spending time with family, attending church activities, or riding his Harley down the scenic roads of America, Terry continues to teach part time at Missouri Southern State University as an adjunct instructor.

Terry serves as an example of what it means to be a true public servant. Throughout his career, he was a forward thinker; he was not afraid to try new and innovative ideas. He did not subscribe to the outdated response, "Because, that's the way we've always done it."

Never satisfied with the status quo, Terry continuously pushed himself and others to improve themselves and the organization. He has made the Patrol a better agency, and at the same time, a safer place for citizens traveling across Missouri.

When asked about his career, Terry said, "When I became interested in becoming a police officer, I was only going to seek employment with what I felt was the best law enforcement agency in the nation: the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I have loved the job a tremendous amount and I had a lot of fun. I have always said, 'I would have hated to work for a living.'"

All of us at Troop D and throughout the Missouri State Highway Patrol wish Terry a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Retirements

Cpl. Elmer W. "Wes" Mann



On September 1, 2011, Corporal Elmer W. "Wes" Mann, Troop G, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after more than 32 years of service.

Wes is a native of Ellington, MO, and a graduate of Ellington High School. He spent four years in the United States Army as a military policeman stationed at Fort Riley, KS, before earning an associate's of science degree in criminal justice from Southeast Missouri State University, in Cape Girardeau. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1979 as a member of the 50th Recruit Class. Upon graduating, Wes was assigned to Troop G, Zone 1, Texas County, and lived in Houston. In September 1983, Wes transferred to Zone 3, southern Howell, Oregon, and Ozark counties. A promotion to corporal led to his being designated assistant zone commander of Zone 3, in September 1990.

Wes was involved in several special assignments during his career, including the Tate, Johns, and Hollis manhunts; and three trips to the Missouri State Fair. Wes also served as a field training officer on several occasions.

Wes and his wife, Levada, will continue to reside in West Plains, where Levada teaches science at West Plains Middle School. The couple has one grown son, Adam, who lives in Springfield, Missouri.

Wes plans to stay busy in retirement by spending a lot of time floating, fishing, and frying-up and consuming said fish. He also intends to continue his woodworking hobby and take many trips on his motorcycle.

Everyone at Troop G wishes you the very best in retirement, Wes! Leave a few fish for the rest of us!

Spec. Asst. Jennifer L. "Jenny" Becker



Special Assistant Jennifer L. "Jenny" Becker, Q/FOB, retired after 33 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol effective October 1, 2011. But, she isn't going too far away ... A month after her retirement, Jenny came back as a temporary employee. She'll be working with homeland security, superloads, use of force, and pursuits. She may help with the chaplain program, as well. Jenny said the temporary position was a good opportunity that also allowed her to enjoy the benefits of retirement.

"I don't have any big plans," said Jenny. "We have five grandkids, and I have enough at home to keep me busy."

Jenny's career with the Patrol began after she filled out an application in Personnel. She remembers Capt. Jack Danklef being the division director. After a phone call from Lt. Richard Burnett, she started on November 1, 1978, at Troop F.

"On the day I started I didn't know the difference between a lieutenant and a sergeant. All of the "clerical girls" sat in one room, and there was one phone sitting on the supervisor's desk," Jenny explained. "There may have been seven of us, but it was very quiet. It was before computers. We used carbon paper and typewriters. It was "old times". But, it was fun."

From Troop F, Jenny went to the Radio Shop on August 1, 1980. She was the first secretary they ever had.

"I shared an office with my boss at the time - Chief Technical Engineer Charlie Floyd. Our desks butted up against each other and we stared at each other all day long," Jenny said. "Charlie had a great sense of humor and knew how to tell a joke. All the people I worked with at the Radio Shop were great! I worked at 11 MULES Training Conferences over a span of 16 years. The MULES Conferences were fun. I helped plan the conferences, and handled registrations, menus, and set up."

From the Radio Shop, Jenny accepted a promotion to Field Operations Bureau in December 2003.

"I became a special assistant for FOB under Major Edward H. Bliefnick. It took me two months to run him off (she's laughing), and then Major A. Dale Penn came. He retired in 2010. Since then, I've worked for Major J. Bret Johnson. Now, he's run me off! (She's still laughing.)

"It's a very busy office; there's never a dull moment. Everyone I've ever worked with in FOB has been a true professional, and I've enjoyed my time there. I've always said I've been very blessed my entire career to work with wonderful people."

Jenny is married to Assistant Garage Superintendent Paul R. Becker, Q/MED. They have four daughters: Shara Buechter (and her husband, Eric), Jessica Monroe (and her husband, Derek), Samantha Kelly (and her husband, Adam), and Jessica Becker. They also

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have five grandchildren: Courtney Buechter, Rowan Buechter, Nick Monroe, Elijah Monroe, and Benjamin Kelly. She enjoys spending time with all of them!

Congratulations, Jenny! Have a long, healthy retirement!

Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Connie L. Daniels



Fingerprint Technician Supervisor Connie L. Daniels, Q/CJISD, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on November 1, 2011, after more than 24 years of service. Connie graduated from Lee's Summit High School and attended Central Missouri State University, in Warrensburg. She moved to the Jefferson City area in 1975.

On June 23, 1987, Connie began her career with the Patrol as a terminal technician. At that time, the Criminal Records Division was a 24-7 unit, and there were only six employees assigned to this area. This position required everyone to work rotating shifts. Connie has held several positions, including Data Entry Operator III, Clerk Typist III, Quality Control Clerk II, and Criminal History Technician II. On November 13, 2002, she was promoted to fingerprint technician supervisor, the position from which she retires.

Connie is married to Maintenance Supervisor II Carl (Skip) Daniels III, Office of Administration/FMDC. He is currently assigned to the Patrol's General Headquarters and the troops throughout the state. Skip and Connie have two sons, Paul and Patrick Mingucci. They also have two grandchildren, Garrett and Sydney.

When Connie began her career, everything was done manually. During Connie's career, there have been many changes. In December 1989, AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) was the first. Other improvements were submitting name searches on diskette or CD. In March 1999, law enforcement agencies were able to submit criminal fingerprint cards electronically, which also reduced an enormous backlog.

On July 6, 2005, Identix (private contractor) started submitting applicant fingerprint cards for licensing, employment, and for other civil reasons. During Connie's tenure, the criminal history reporting system changed many times. At present, a new system is being developed and is now in the testing phase. Connie is assisting with this project as a 1,000-hour employee.

On November 27, 2007, the division opened the recently remodeled public window area. This new addition was a much needed update for customers who requested fingerprint or name back-

round checks while they waited. Connie supervised this area and also the Record Check Section.

September 1, 2009, the division name was changed to CJISD or Criminal Justice Information Services Division. Soon to follow was the public web site (Missouri Automated Criminal History System). On February 7, 2011, the first name-based background check was submitted at 9:43 a.m. from Topeka, KS. It resulted in a no record, took approximately two minutes, and the requester got their response through their e-mail account. In the past, by sending requests through the mail, it generally took four to six weeks for a response. Of all the changes, the public web site for name searches gave Connie the most gratification in serving the citizens of the state of Missouri.

Connie enjoyed decorating the division. She would bring wreaths from home and tried to make the division more colorful, especially during the holidays. She also requested flower pots in front of the public window and made sure they were filled with flowers.

In Connie's retirement, she will be spending more time with her grandchildren, yard work, and especially with her flower gardens. Connie also enjoys country music concerts, and she is an avid fan of MU football.

Congratulations, Connie! We hope you have a long, healthy retirement.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Mary E. Allen
CVO Sprv. II
Troop C

Retired June 1, 2011.
31 years of dedicated service.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Carole A. Reese
DE III
Troop D

Retired September 1, 2011.
13 years, 5 months of
dedicated service.

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Kevin J. Glaser
Sergeant
Q/DDCC

Retired September 1, 2011.
28 years, 8 months of
dedicated service.

William G. Barron
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv.
Troop C

Retired November 1, 2011.
21 years, 8 months of
dedicated service.



Jeffrey J. Everett
Corporal
Q/GD

Retired November 1, 2011.
26 years, 2 months of
dedicated service.



MSHP, ASPCA Applaud Success In Dogfighting Case

By Lt. Ethan P. Ahern, Q/FOB

On Monday, October 3, 2011, the MSHP and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) presented appreciation plaques to USDA Special Agent Carole Schmitt and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Hudson in Fairview Heights, IL, to recognize their part in the Missouri 500 dogfighting investigation. SA Schmitt and AUSA Hudson each played integral parts in the success of the investigation and prosecution of the many defendants. SA Schmitt provided support and surveillance throughout the investigation and penned most of the affidavits and search warrants leading up to the raid day. The result set a phenomenal high mark in the seizure and rescue of more than 500 dogs, in addition to halting the lineage of fight-

ing dogs that would have been produced.

Currently, 100 dogfighters are in the federal or state criminal justice systems as a direct result of this investigation. AUSA Hudson was the stand out in the federal prosecution phase of the investigation. She prosecuted 15 dogfighters, made sure another was deported, and dealt with a person (spectator) who decided to co-operate in order to avoid prosecution. The MSHP and ASPCA recognized



SA Carole Schmitt and AUSA Jennifer Hudson (center) display appreciation plaques given to them for their work in the Missouri 500 dogfighting case since 2008. Pictured with them are (l to r) Lt. Ethan P. Ahern, Q/FOB, Sgt. Jeffrey L. Heath, Q/DDCC, and retired Sgt. Terry G. Mills, who currently works for the ASPCA.

AUSA Hudson for her tireless efforts in bringing these dogfighters to justice in the Southern District of Illinois. Thus far, the dogfighters' sentences ranged from 12 to 33 months in federal prison.

NASBLA Honors Capt. Haupt

By Water Patrol Division

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) presented Captain Gary T. Haupt, Troop D, with its prestigious NASBLA Award. This award recognizes the exemplary amount of time and effort Capt. Haupt dedicated to NASBLA in the field of accident investigation and reconstruction. Capt. Haupt has helped the organization achieve the highest professional reputation in the country through the development of a nationally recognized training program.

Throughout his 32-year career, Capt. Haupt has been dedicated to saving lives by advancing the knowledge pertaining to boating accident reconstructions. He is the leading expert in this area for the Missouri State Highway Patrol; he currently supervises the Patrol's boating accident reconstruction team. Capt. Haupt initiated the concept of a [boating] reconstruction team comprised of seven investigators who travel statewide to conduct in-depth analysis of complex and high profile boating accidents. He developed the innovative [Boating] Accident Investigation Handbook and the current [boating accident] report form used by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Capt. Haupt provided his expertise in boat accident investigation by serving as the chairman of the Boating Accident Investigation, Reporting, and Analysis Committee from 2006-2008. He continues to serve NASBLA on the Engineering, Reporting, and Analysis Committee. He also works closely with other members of NASBLA to review and analyze trends in boating accident statistics and their contributing causes to address the need for new laws or public awareness campaigns. Capt. Haupt presently serves as a member of the American Boat & Yacht Council's Technical Board.

"Gary is a consistent professional dedicating his time and his professional career to investigate the causes of boat accidents across the country finding ways to save lives," said NASBLA president James Graybeal. "It's my honor to present the NASBLA Award to him as a token of our appreciation."

The NASBLA Award is the oldest award presented by the non-profit organization. First presented in 1969, the



Major Thomas E. "Tommy" Roam (r), Q/WPD, and Capt. Gary Haupt, Troop D, hold the NASBLA award. NASBLA presented it to Capt. Haupt at their 52nd annual meeting in Milwaukee in September 2011.

award is given to a person or persons who have contributed to NASBLA as well as boating safety in general. NASBLA works to develop public policy for

recreational boating safety. It represents the boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

Tpr. Doza Accepts Missouri Medal Of Valor

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Governor Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon awarded a Missouri Medal of Valor to Trooper Donald L. Doza, Troop F, during a ceremony on November 2, 2011, in the governor's office in Missouri's Capitol.

The recognition is the result of Tpr. Doza's heroic actions on April 28, 2010. That day, Tpr. Doza arrived at the scene of an injury traffic crash on Interstate 70. A white van pulling a camper trailer had collided with the end of a guardrail. The driver, an older gentleman, was unconscious. While Tpr. Doza was investigating the crash, a bystander informed him the camper was on fire. Tpr. Doza grabbed his ASP baton and used it to break out the driver's window. He attempted to remove the driver, but the gentleman was trapped by the steering wheel and dashboard. He then broke out the front windshield in an attempt to remove the driver. However, flames and smoke prevented him from gaining access to the driver from that direction. Cooper County Fire Chief Dave Gehm joined Tpr. Doza, and as gasoline pooled under their feet and propane tanks exploded behind them, Tpr. Doza pulled the man from the burning vehicle. The two men moved the injured driver into a ditch as the camper exploded again and the van was engulfed in flames. Tpr. Doza was treated at University Hospital in Columbia-Missouri, for cuts on his arms and hands, and

Gov. Jay Nixon presented a Missouri Medal of Valor to Tpr. Donald L. Doza, Troop F.



smoke inhalation. The driver continues to recover.

In addition to Tpr. Doza, Gov. Nixon awarded the Missouri Medal of Valor to Mathew R. Crosby and Jorden G. Lewis, of the Rock Hill Police Department; Joseph R. Haman, of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; Steven M. Landsness, of the O'Fallon Police Department; Darren M. Rodgers, of the Arnold Police Department; Gerald L. Williams, of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department; and Kenneth D. Smith Jr., of the St. Joseph Police Department.

The Medal of Valor Review Board selects the award recipients. The awards, which are presented annually by the governor, are given to police officers, firefighters, or other emergency personnel.

"These gentlemen are the true heroes in our society," said Col. Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol.

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Thomas W. "Tom" Pasley



Thomas W. "Tom" Pasley, 96, died October 4, 2011. He was born on May 23, 1915, in Fulton, MO, to the late Westley Thornton and Alice L. (Blackburn) Pasley. On November 4, 1950, he married Catherine "Katie" Atkeson, who preceded him in death on July 22, 2007.

Tom grew up in Fulton, MO, and graduated from Fulton High School in 1934. Tom recalled going to the intersection of U.S. Highway 54 and East Fifth Street to see the first trooper to come to Fulton after graduation (2005 interview). He said he was in awe. Over time, he developed friendships with several troopers, namely Russell "Poodle" Breid, whom Tom credits with getting him onto the Patrol.

He attended Southeast State Teachers College in Cape Girardeau, where he majored in commercial and industrial art. Tom would join the Patrol on October 1, 1939. He was a member of the Fourth Recruit Class, which trained at Camp Kaiser at the Lake of the Ozarks. *"Camp Kaiser had one large building and no facilities of any kind ... I was tickled to death with the training; I learned something. But, I didn't enjoy our quarters,"* Tom said (2005 interview). When his recruit class graduated, it brought the number of officers to 175. He was first assigned to Troop C, Kirkwood.

Tom was one of the 13 members of the original Safety Squadron, which

toured the state enforcing traffic laws. In 1942, Tom traveled around the state on his motorcycle with a quart of white paint and a paint brush. He painted "STATE PATROL" on the sides of every patrol car and the officer's badge number on the roof. That same year, he pulled over a vehicle and discovered its driver was AWOL from the Marines. At that time in history, the Patrol was paid \$25 for each AWOL soldier returned to the Marine Corps. When he took the man to the Marine headquarters in St. Louis, the lieutenant recruited him. He served in the Marines through the rest of World War II and after.

He returned to the Patrol in March 1946. Tom transferred to Camdenton in September 1946. Tom represented the Patrol twice in Washington, D.C. First, he attended President Truman's Highway Safety Conference; later he attended President Dwight Eisenhower's inauguration. In 1950, upon a promotion to sergeant, he transferred to the newly-created Troop I, Rolla. Tom took part in manhunts, State Fair details, and the 1954 Prison Riot in Jefferson City. He helped train recruits at Cuivre River and was a member of the pistol team for many years.

Tom was a talented artist. He designed the Patrol's door decal, which is still in use today. He also drew cartoons, and wasn't afraid to poke fun at his co-workers, even those of higher rank.

He was a member of the VFW. A dedicated lawman, Tom served as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1939 to 1972. He served as sheriff of Phelps County from 1972 - 1988. To honor Sheriff Pasley's "legendary service in Phelps County", the Phelps County Sheriff's Department placed Sheriff Pasley's picture as the department's Facebook profile picture when they learned of his death.

A 2004 No Standing News article, showed how people felt about Tom. The occasion was Tom's 90th birthday. "...

people from Phelps County and all over the state had to stand in line to get into the Community Hall on May 22nd to wish retired Sheriff Tom Pasley a happy birthday. People waiting to speak to the sheriff reminisced about the 'Good Old Days' ... He [Tom] thought you ought to use brains before bullets. Pasley's glare and growl was usually enough to sober drunks and chill out brawlers. If the sheriff knew that what your folks would do to you was worse than what you'd get from the judge, teenagers were sometimes taken home for 'justice'."

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by an infant brother.

Tom will be missed by his surviving family, including two sons: Tom Jr. (and his wife, Brandi), of Rolla, MO, and Jim (and his wife, Lu), of Winona, MO; five grandchildren: Kimberly Pasley, Cale Pasley, Dylan Pasley, Tom Huggins (and wife, Melissa), and Heather Anderson (and husband, Scott); and three great-grandchildren: Cash, Thomas, and Jack.

A funeral service was held Friday, October 7, 2011, at Greentree Christian Church in Rolla. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Thomas-Fairview Cemetery.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Pasley family.

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| Jan. 1 | • New Year's Day |
| Jan. 16 | • Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| Jan. 18 | • Tpr. K.L. Poynter died in 2002. |

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Kenneth E. Tretter



Kenneth E. "Ken" Tretter died Friday, October 7, 2011. Ken served the citizens of Missouri as a telecommunicator assigned to Troop C Headquarters, Weldon Spring, MO. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on November 1, 1996.

Ken was an avid nature lover, and loved woodworking, electronics, fishing, and mechanics. But, his greatest passion was his family and playing with his beloved grandchildren.

Ken is survived by his wife, Donna Prusacki-Tretter (nee Summers); son, David (and his wife, Lori) Prusacki; grandchildren, Ellie and Emma Prusacki, and Michael Rahn; a brother, Raymond Tretter; a brother-in-law, Tim (and his wife, Sandy) Summers; a niece and nephew, Stacey and Bradley Tretter; and many friends, including his colleagues at the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

A funeral service took place at Kutis South County Chapel on October 11. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society.

The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Tretter family.

*"Seek first to understand,
then to be understood."*

— Stephen Covey

Richard H. Miller



Richard Henry Miller, 87, of Gladstone, MO, died October 10, 2011, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cameron.

He was born on September 19, 1924, to Henry Preston and Susan Mae (Noland) Miller, in Kansas City, MO. Richard grew up in Smithville, MO, and graduated from Smithville High School in 1943. He served 20 years in the U.S. Navy and 20 years as a driver examiner with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

On August 28, 1955, he was united in marriage to Bonnie Corrine Justus. After their marriage, they settled in Gladstone, MO, where they made their home.

Richard was a member of the Temperance Lodge #438 in Smithville, and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, an honor camping program within the Boy Scouts of America. He served as a scoutmaster, was a marshal at Paradise Point Golf Course, and volunteered at the hospital in Smithville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Donald Miller; and one sister, Margie Smith.

Richard is survived by his wife, Bonnie; six children: Richard (and his wife, Cindy) Miller, Julia (and her husband, Chuck) Cooley, Linda (and her husband, David) Dildine, Sharon (and her husband, John) Van Winkle, Randall (and his wife, Julie) Miller, and Nancy (and her husband, Randy)

Brashers; 16 grandchildren: Maxwell, Catherine, Madeline, Charles, Chelsea, Dalton, Skyler, Joseph, Logan, Alyson, Lindsay, Jacob, John, Justus, Brady, and Anderson; one sister, Judy Gregory; other relatives; and many friends.

A funeral service took place Friday, October 14, 2011, at the Hixson-Klein Funeral Home in Smithville.

Burial included military honors. A Masonic service took place October 13.

The family suggests any donations be made to Fairview Christian Youth Group or Boy Scout Troop #155 at Fairview Christian Church.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Miller family.

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Russell D. Nichols



Russell D. Nichols, 89, of Columbia, MO, died on Friday, October 28, 2011, at the Neighborhoods in Columbia. Russell was born on August 26, 1922, to James Albert Nichols and Myrtle Elizabeth (McDaniels) Nichols in Boone County. He graduated from the University of Missouri Lab School.

After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1943, and served in the South Pacific during World War II. While in the service, he married Mary (Connie) Wigman on February

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22, 1944, in Lansing, MI. She survives. Following the war, Russ joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol. After a distinguished career of 31 years, he retired as a lieutenant colonel, after serving as the assistant superintendent, in 1977. In 1978, Russ was appointed as director of the Missouri State Fair for two years.

During his retirement, Russ enjoyed a second career in music. He loved circus music and had an extensive collection of band organs and calliopes. He would travel to grand openings and other events to play his collection. He was especially proud of playing and showing his larger machines. He also collected and refurbished Edison gramophones.

Russ will be remembered by his wife, Connie; nieces, Linda Atkins and Marilyn Andre, of Columbia; along with other nieces and nephews. At Russ' request there was no memorial service.

Russ' family suggests memorial contributions to The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society), a group that assists the families of Highway Patrol officers who die in the line of duty. Memorials may be mailed to The MASTERS, 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

The Patrol family offers its sincerest condolences to the Nichols family.

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Betty H. Kuechler

Betty H. Kuechler, 79, died on September 2, 2011. She was a resident of Festus, MO. Betty was born September 30, 1931. On November 14, 1950, she married Arthur F. Kuechler. They had two children, Connie and David.

Betty was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on January 2, 1970, where she served as a driver

examiner clerk in the St. Louis Metropolitan area. She retired on March 1, 1988, after serving the citizens of Missouri for 18 years. During retirement, she enjoyed gardening and attending flea markets.

Betty's survivors include her two grandsons, Wayne and Dustin.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Kuechler family.

Patsy J. Head



Patsy J. Head, 72, of Springfield, MO, died on September 4, 2011. She was born on September 23, 1938, in Morgan, MO, to Frank and Gladys Cunningham. She graduated from Buffalo High School and attended Draughton's Business College in Springfield.

She retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on July 1, 2000, after 20 years of service. During her career, she was a clerk typist at Troop D Headquarters, Springfield.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Carl Head; a daughter, Janese (and her husband, Richard) Atkinson; and a host of other family members and friends.

A funeral took place on September 8, 2011, at White Chapel in Springfield.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Head family.

Brian L. Shelton



Brian Lee Shelton, 36, son of John and Martha (Poore) Shelton, was born October 12, 1974, in Lawrence, Kansas. He went home to be with Jesus on September 16, 2011.

Brian graduated from Drexel High School in Drexel, MO. He attended Bourbon County Community College and Missouri State University, graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice administration. Brian accepted employment with the Missouri State Water Patrol in January 1999, where he was assigned as a patrolman to District 4 on the beautiful Current and Jacks Fork rivers in Shannon County, MO.

Brian was promoted to the rank of corporal on December 16, 2004, and then to sergeant on April 1, 2006. He was proud of District 4 and those he supervised. Brian felt that education was imperative to being successful and strived to obtain multiple certifications and trainings that he put to use by instructing defensive tactics, drug enforcement, and firearms at the Missouri State Water Patrol Academy and in the field. On January 1, 2011, upon the merger of the two agencies, Brian became a sergeant with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, assigned to its Water Patrol Division.

Brian founded the Missouri Chartered Non-Profit Organization - Parents Against Child Abuse (P.A.C.A.)

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and worked diligently to educate the public on the topic of child abuse and assisting victims of abuse. He was instrumental in the passing of Missouri House Bill 863, known as the Child Witness Protection Act.

Brian was united in marriage to Donna Bennett on March 10, 2001. They have three daughters Nicole, Makayla, and Peyton. Brian loved watching his daughters participate in their sporting activities and attended all events possible. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, canoeing, and camping, and loved spending time with his family and many friends.

Brian accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of eight and was a mem-

ber of the Drexel Baptist Church in Drexel, MO. He loved the Lord, gospel music, and sharing the word of God and his testimony with others. Brian attended the First Baptist Church and the Fellowship Tabernacle Church in Eminence, MO.

Brian was preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul and Pearl Poore, Richard Shelton, and Herb and Beulah Leadstrom.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, and three daughters, Nicole, Makayla, and Peyton, of Eminence, MO; parents, John and Martha Shelton, of Drexel, MO; one brother, J. Travis Shelton, of Fort Scott, KS; one sister, Stephanie Finley (and her husband, Steve), of Hume, MO; mothers- and fathers-in-law, Clifford and Ruby Rain-

bolt, of Eminence, MO, and Donnie and Regina Bennett, of Hoxie, AR; sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; and many nieces, nephews, and family members. Brian will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at the Eminence (MO) High School Gymnasium, with Rev. Randy Ferguson and Cpl. Terry A. Richardson, Troop G, officiating. Interment was in New Eminence Cemetery under the direction of Duncan Funeral Homes.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Shelton family.

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What's New?

Effective September 7, 2011, the Communications Division and Information Systems Division combined to form the Information and Communications Technology Division (ICTD). This is the result of merging technologies between the two divisions. The consolidation allows for the most efficient delivery of services. Captain Kim E. Hull is the director of the new division; Lieutenant Vernon C. Dougan is the assistant director.

Guthrie Family Says 'Thank You'

Our family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the last few weeks. The love, support, and generosity we have received from family, friends, state agencies, and the community has been amazing. There have been so many people helping with the search for Fred; people helping to provide food for the family and searchers; and then those that have been supporting us as we have returned home without him. Thank you to everyone.

The blue ribbons hanging everywhere are truly touching. Everyone has opened their arms and embraced, and continue to embrace us, as we are coming to grips with the tragedy that has fallen upon our lives. Fred had an impact on many people's lives. Fred knew very few strangers. If you were a stranger when he first shook your hand, you were no longer one when you walked away.

He loved his family dearly, and they, in return, loved him. You need only to look at the faces of his children when they talk about him to witness that. He is missed every day. We continue to pray that when this is all over we will again see him yelling down from the top of the hill at the boys on the football field, or see him in his spot at center court at the basketball games. The spot that he always claimed was "his seat".

Thanks to everyone, again, for all of your love, support, and generosity. We have been blessed with wonderful family, friends, and community.

*We sincerely thank you,
The Guthrie Family
(Teresa Guthrie & Kids; Mom, Dad, & Kerri Guthrie; and the Viers family)*

~ Thank You ~

Thank you for the phone calls and cards during my recent illness.

*Sgt. Sheldon A. Lyon
Troop H*

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, condolences, and prayers following the death of my grandmother, Una May Foster.

*CVO II Michelle A. Horn
Troop D*

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On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everyone at the Patrol for the cards, prayers, thoughts, and statues that were sent after the death of my father, Robert Thorson. I would like to also thank those of you who came to the visitation. That sup-

port meant a great deal and was most appreciated.

*Quality Control Clerk II Lisa L. Papen
Q/CVED*

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I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and support following the loss of my mother. Also, thanks to all who attended the visitation or funeral. It meant a lot to my family.

*Sgt. Darron F. Blankenship
Q/DDCC*

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My family and I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation. It was a very difficult time for us during the illness and death of my mom. Your words of encouragement and comfort, cards, phone calls, and e-mails helped

us get through. I feel very fortunate to have so many caring co-workers and friends at the Patrol. Your kind words and thoughtfulness truly meant a lot. Thank you.

*Clerk Typist III Jeanette L. Ford
Q/TND*

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I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the prayers, cards, messages, emails, texts, hugs, and tears. Also to those that attended the visitation and/or funeral of my brother Billy (Bill) Campbell. Thank you to those who prayed for him during his illness; because of you he lived another two years. My family could not have done this without you.

*Thank You,
Photographer Brenda Schmitz,
Q/PIED*

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

DE III Mark L. Leathers (C) - father-in-law
Tpr. Jason C. Daly (H) - brother
DE Sprv. Tonia L. Daly (H) - brother-in-law
CVO Sprv. I Kyle E. Cullifer (B) - brother-in-law
CVO II Michelle A. Horn (D) - grandmother
Clerk Typist III Jeanette L. Ford (Q/TND) - mother
MVI III Mark D. Statun (C) - grandmother
CVO Sprv. II Timothy J. Swartz (A) - grandmother
Tpr. Travis N. Garton (H) - father-in-law
Ret. Sgt. Ray Stufflebean - father-in-law
Lt. Eric A. Tilford (H) - mother-in-law

Lt. Dale O. Jinkens (A) - father-in-law
Comm. Oper. III David R. Axelrod (C) - father
Capt. Kyle D. Marquart (Q/DDCC) - mother
Quality Control Clerk II Lisa L. Papen (Q/CVED) - mother
Comm. Oper. III Todd M. Cooper (D) - father
Ret. CVO II Clayton Farr - sister-in-law
Lt. Jeffrey N. Vitale (E) - father
MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis (Q/MVI) - uncle
DE Chief Rebecca A. Kleffner (I) - uncle
DE Sprv. Cynthia S. Brown (C) - father
Cpl. Clinton M. Duppong (B) - father
Lt. Eric A. Tilford (H) - father
Ret. Col. Howard J. Hoffman - wife
Tpr. Gary D. Oetting (A) - grandfather

Tpr. Matthew B. Foster (E) - grandfather
Comm. Oper. II Jessica R. Dillon (A) - grandfather
Photographer Brenda J. Schmitz (Q/PIED) - brother
Tpr. Zachary S. Wang (C) - grandfather
Ret. AFIS Entry Oper. II Dorothy A. Kliethermes - husband
Lab. Evid. Tech. II Rachel L. Mengwasser (Q/CLD) - uncle
Clerk Typist III Rebecca J. Moore (D) - brother
DE Sprv. Myla E. Ashby (C) - grandmother
Criminalist III Nicholle D. Rhodes (Q/CLD) - father
Tpr. Kent A. Brackett (I) - father

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Troop A SWAT Lends Joplin A Hand

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A

Corporal James E. "Jim" Thuss, Troop A, called Americorps a couple of months ago to see what could be done to assist in Joplin. A poll of the SWAT team revealed interest. So, on September 20, Troop A SWAT team members Sgt. Brian E. Kelley, Cpl. Carl A. Taibi, Tpr. Joel E. Givens, Cpl. Cody G. Dunfee, Tpr. Clay D. Moeller, Cpl. Christopher R. Blackmon, Tpr. Cory W. Bradshaw, Tpr. Dustin N. Morey, and Cpl. Thuss traveled to Joplin. That morning, Americorps directed the team to a church to consult with a project manager and to pick up some tools. Their assignment was to finish gutting a house to the studs.

The team tore down a large, metal shed, removed drywall, and gutted the kitchen by taking out all of the cabinets and the ceramic tile floor. They also removed siding from the house and removed an overhang on the garage. The team put in a full day's work. Not surprisingly, they worked hard. The disaster relief guys were surprised by how much got done.

We were all proud of Troop A's SWAT team. They are making plans to return in the near future.



Troop A SWAT team members volunteered in Joplin in September.



Armed with tools, Troop A's SWAT team made entry into this Joplin home to help repair it.